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UP TRAINS

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Kowloon Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.05	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.49	8.14	8.39	9.14	9.39	10.09	10.39	11.09	11.39	12.09	12.39	1.09	1.39	2.09	2.39	3.09	3.39	4.09	4.39	5.09	5.39	6.09
Shatin Dep.	7.01	7.26	7.51	8.26	8.51	9.26	9.56	10.26	10.56	11.26	11.56	12.26	12.56	1.26	1.56	2.26	2.56	3.26	3.56	4.26	4.56	5.26
Tai Po Dep.	7.18	7.43	8.08	8.43	9.08	9.38	10.08	10.38	11.08	11.38	12.08	12.38	1.08	1.38	2.08	2.38	3.08	3.38	4.08	4.38	5.08	5.38
Market Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.10	8.45	9.10	9.40	10.10	10.40	11.10	11.40	12.10	12.40	1.10	1.40	2.10	2.40	3.10	3.40	4.10	4.40	5.10	5.40
Fanning Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	8.55	9.20	9.50	10.20	10.50	11.20	11.50	12.20	12.50	1.20	1.50	2.20	2.50	3.20	3.50	4.20	4.50	5.20	5.50
Shau Kei Dep.	7.35	8.00	8.25	9.00	9.25	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00
Shum Shue Dep.	7.41	8.06	8.31	9.06	9.31	10.06	10.36	11.06	11.36	12.06	12.36	1.06	1.36	2.06	2.36	3.06	3.36	4.06	4.36	5.06	5.36	6.06
Canton Arr.	12.05	12.30	12.55	1.30	1.55	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30

DOWN TRAINS

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Canton Dep.	8.10	8.35	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30
Shum Shue Dep.	8.17	8.42	9.07	9.37	10.07	10.37	11.07	11.37	12.07	12.37	1.07	1.37	2.07	2.37	3.07	3.37	4.07	4.37	5.07	5.37	6.07	6.37
Shau Kei Dep.	8.25	8.50	9.15	9.45	10.15	10.45	11.15	11.45	12.15	12.45	1.15	1.45	2.15	2.45	3.15	3.45	4.15	4.45	5.15	5.45	6.15	6.45
Fanning Dep.	8.30	8.55	9.20	9.50	10.20	10.50	11.20	11.50	12.20	12.50	1.20	1.50	2.20	2.50	3.20	3.50	4.20	4.50	5.20	5.50	6.20	6.50
Market Dep.	8.40	9.05	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00
Tai Po Dep.	8.49	9.24	9.49	10.19	10.49	11.19	11.49	12.19	12.49	1.19	1.49	2.19	2.49	3.19	3.49	4.19	4.49	5.19	5.49	6.19	6.49	7.19
Shatin Dep.	8.58	9.33	9.58	10.28	10.58	11.28	11.58	12.28	12.58	1.28	1.58	2.28	2.58	3.28	3.58	4.28	4.58	5.28	5.58	6.28	6.58	7.28
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	9.07	9.42	10.07	10.37	11.07	11.37	12.07	12.37	1.07	1.37	2.07	2.37	3.07	3.37	4.07	4.37	5.07	5.37	6.07	6.37	7.07	7.37
Kowloon Arr.	12.05	12.30	12.55	1.30	1.55	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30

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WHY I WROTE "JOURNEY'S END."

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[In his new war play, "Journey's End," Mr. R. C. Sherriff has achieved one of the most remarkable successes in the recent history of the theatre. He has had no experience of the stage and has made no study of dramatic technique; his play was rejected by several producers, and Mr. Bernard Shaw, to whom he submitted it, said, in effect, that it was poor drama but good journalism; yet all who have seen it describe it as the best play the War has produced. It will be shortly seen in Hong Kong.]

War has attracted the dramatist since the dawn of drama, because it brings to the surface of every man something which no other force can stir.

The dramatist's first aim is to reveal character. If his theme is a peaceful one he must dig manfully into the souls of his men before he can show their characters to his audience; but stand his men before a setting of war and their characters ooze out of their own accord.

Bared Souls.

A man may live his lifetime in peace with his soul locked up from the eyes of his friends; put him in a front line dugout in France—let him try as he will, and his soul is soon lying naked on the damp earth-floor for every man to see who cares to look.

But in olden days the dramatist cared less for the baring of souls: he wanted heroes, and ideal heroes tend to shrivel up and die in naked souls. He could quite easily find heroes in those wars of long ago, because then the bark of war was worse than its bite, and man was not so sensitive as he is to-day. It was easier to be a hero then: heroism and nobility sprang eagerly from those exciting and not too dangerous adventures.

When War Was Fun.

You can dodge boiling oil if you keep an eye open for it coming; and what more thrilling than shipping out of the way of the great boulders that came bounding down the hills from those old, forts whose time-softened walls still linger on our Downs?

War was fun in those days. It was fun for too many generations of men. The instinct for war is deep in all of us. The baby still sits up in its pram entranced at the sight of marching men. The baby always will. The boy still dirties his hands and knees with his tin soldiers under the dining-room table. The man still walks eagerly in step—shame-faced and self-conscious on the pavement beside the military band in the road—drawn by a force that began to develop in twilight days when war was fun.

All this will go on happening so long as the blood of a nation is strong and clean. Men will always go uncomplainingly to war at the first hint that their nation may suffer in prestige if they do not go.

Pray Heaven that the just need for war has gone for all time, but Heaven forbid that the men of our nation will ever shirk a just and righteous war because war hurts so badly!

For ten years we have been trying to lessen the chance of future war. Are we really on the right road? Are we really using the best weapons?

Politicians and diplomats can certainly do a little by not talking too much about peace.

Coming Generations.

But can we really instil into coming generations of all countries anything that may lessen the chance of another earthly reproduction of hell?

The trouble is that most efforts we make inspire rather than revolt; they inspire rather than revolt.

More talk can do little: pamphlets can do nothing; books, however finely written, however vividly and terribly they indict war, are far more likely to inspire boyhood to battle than to revolt him; the more finely written, the greater they inspire.

What boy could read Edmund Blunden's beautiful "Undertones of War" without a vague, deep longing to have looked that terrible monster in the face?

Granite Crosses.

What of the noble memorials that have sprung up in our towns: the granite crosses that have risen in glorious simplicity on our village greens? Can they do anything but inspire the boy who stands and reads those English names? What true English village boy would prefer a slab in a cemetery to his chiselled name on a granite cross on his own village green?

The tragedy is that war is fine—and always will be fine—until you are in the middle of it with no hope of drawing back. It is all rather difficult. Every word spoken in peace propaganda seems to end in a snarl. Every pamphlet that flutters out of the

office of a peace-promoting society brings with it a tiny tumble of distant guns.

Hope.

In this feverish search for peace—may we look for help from the stage? Is there hope in the theatre? I believe our strongest hope lies there.

The spoken words of an actor can strike more deeply into our souls than any written word.

We can at least try. The dramatist of olden days gave his public food that whetted its desire to march out of its peaceful town and club the nearest foreigner.

The high duty of the dramatist who would write of war to-day lies not in the opposite direction but rather up the right-hand road. He must show the futility of war: the utter waste of life blood and life time—but he must not weaken the souls of men against righteous war.

The Blind Giant.

He must show war truly: a dirty, verminous Giant, hitting out blindly in all directions at all men with a fool's bladder full of lead.

I heard, the Giant once, as a boy walking for the first time into the war through Zouave Valley that leads to Vimy Ridge. I heard the bladder coming Bang! Bang! down first on one side of the ridge, then on the other, first on German, then on British. I saw the Giant squatting there on the ridge whistling through his teeth as he brought his bladder down, stopping now and then to scratch himself and wipe the sweat from his dirty hair. The smell of his sweat is strong in my nostrils now.

Put the war on the stage as it was and always will be—but don't merely show this filthy Giant; show also the greatness and nobility of man under the blows of that bladder full of lead.

The Characters.

This I have tried to do in "Journey's End," with what success it is for others to judge. I have been asked if the characters in my play were drawn from life. The answer is Yes, and No.

One of the most vivid memories of those four years of mud and blood was the way in which men went into the machine as individuals and came out as types. Million upon million of men—half-a-dozen or more types, distilled, distilled, and distilled again until only the elements were left.

The ten men in my play represent those types as I saw them. Together, I hope, they give some idea of the way in which the British character withstood the shock of war.

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- 8.—Boiled Potatoes
- 9.—Hashed Vegetables
- 10.—Sauté Cabbage
- 11.—Jam Fingers
- 12.—Fruit 13.—Tea 14.—Coffee

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(April 4.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting:
Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Hockey: Club v. H.K.S.R.A.,
King's Park, 4.45 p.m.
Lawn Tennis—Open Doubles: F.
A. Redmond and A. L. Sullivan v.
Kong Too Cheung and Ho Ka Lau.
Public Meeting: Arrangements
for Reception of H.E. Sir William
Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., City Hall,
5.15 p.m.
St. John Ambulance Brigade,
Y.M.C.A. division, Concert Chinese
Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.
University Lecture: by Mrs. P.
E. Barker, "Plays Old and New,"
8.30 p.m.
Lecture: Helena May Institute
"The Work of the League of
Nations" by the Rev. W. W.
Rogers, 8.45 p.m.
Fancy Dress Dance, U.S.R.C.,
9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "New York
Nights."
World Theatre: "Tempest."
Star Theatre: "Our Dancing
Daughters."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and
Peninsula Hotels, 6 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong and
Peninsula Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails—Inward:
Europe via Siberia (Katori Maru),
Outward: Europe via Siberia
(Mishima Maru), 8.30 a.m.; Europe
via Siberia (Petrovsk), 2 p.m.

Saturday.

(April 5.)

Third Extra Race Meeting,
Happy Valley.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning.
Football: Senior Division:
Shield Competitions, Junior: R.A.
Club, St. Joseph's v. Somerset,
Chinese "A" v. Kowloon, Chinese
"B" v. Ewo, S. China "A" v. S.
China "B", Eastern v. Recreation.
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Ordinary Yearly Meeting, Ex-
change Building, 11.30 a.m.
St. John Ambulance Brigade,
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Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.
Farewell Dinner to His Honour
Sir Henry Gollan, Kt., C.B.E.,
M.L.D., Kam Ling Hotel, 8 p.m.<

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WOMAN'S PAGE.

HIGH WAISTS AND LONGER SKIRTS.

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As a rule we have too many clothes, and we keep them too long. The best dressed Parisiennes buy very few clothes. They buy them four times a year, but a very few at a time. A woman will buy a smart day coat with a dress to go under it, she will carefully choose a hat, handbag, shoes and stockings to complete the ensemble, which she will wear continually for the next few months. Then she will get a new outfit, and the old one will not be seen again.

The French woman is not afraid of being seen in the same clothes over and over again for a few months. The whole secret of her smartness lies in the fact that while her clothes are in use they are kept in perfect condition. The easiest kind of shop to find in France is a dry cleaners'. Clothes are cleaned perfectly and returned to the owner within twenty-four hours.

One advantage of buying very few clothes and wearing them for a short while only is that you are always in the fashion. The women who do this have to be extremely careful, though, not to choose fussy things, or clothes that they get tired of when they have worn them once or twice. They have to be very sure of their good taste, and they cannot afford to make mistakes.

So many Englishwomen allow themselves to be over-persuaded by saleswomen into buying clothes that they do not really like very much. No woman can look smart in clothes that she does not care for. If you believe in your good taste, then you wear your clothes well, and they look well on you even if they are ugly. The same self-confidence works wonders with your looks.

There are many number of plain women who have fooled their fellow creatures into believing they are good-looking, simply because they do not lack self-confidence, and therefore are not self-conscious.

PIONEER NEWS.

NEW SILKS AND A NEW STORE.

As I passed down Nathan Road the other day, a flash and glow of colour from windows in the new Pekin Building caught my eye. "A new silk store, how exciting!" I thought. A minute or two later passing the Peninsula Hotel I missed the colour which I always glimpse there in the arcade, and the problem was solved. "The Pioneer" has moved from the Hotel to Pekin Building. I have not been into the new premises yet, but the windows are sufficient to make me eager to do so, for there are some most attractive silks in them.

Over on the Island, in the parent shop in China Building, I was looking yesterday at a new shipment of printed georgette, and printed silks. Both are perfectly

delightful. I was very struck with two of the georgettes. One is white with at fairly wide intervals a poppy and leaf in natural colours. The second has a close design of small red and white fern leaves on black. Among the printed silks I was much taken with one having a formal design of white and blue on a deep claret ground.

All sorts of other new and attractive things have arrived among them ladies silk handkerchiefs in plain colours and in printed designs.

There are some delightfully cool undies now to be found at Lane, Crawford's in the Ladies' Salon. They are called "Sun Togs" and are made by "Kaiser" of woven cotton. The vents have the sun tan back while the trunks are mounted in a well cut hip belt which prevents any bunching at the waist. There is also a big selection of "Kaiser" silk underwear, and some exquisite embroidered undies of satin and crepe de chine.

PRINTED SILK FROCKS.

AS GAY AS THE COTTONS.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop has something new and most attractive to tempt the poor depressed dollars out of our purses. You will have seen the delightfully gay, little dresses of cotton print which have been there for the last few weeks, and a lot of you were, I know, waiting eagerly for the new shipment which arrived a few days ago. With them have come similar frocks in printed rayon, and silk poplin. They have all the good qualities of the printed cottons, excellent cut, novel and amusing style, and gay and youthful colours, and in addition the sheen and draping qualities of silk. Several of them are made with close fitting hip yokes, and bows are a favourite form of trimming. Some of these materials are woven with a border in more solid colours which gives a pretty finish at the hem.

Besides the prints there is a series of dresses in silk poplin in plain colours. White, piped with colour for tennis, and pastel shades piped with white for other occasions or for tennis if you like. Among them I much admired one in daffodil yellow with a very pretty cut at the neck.

Among the new cotton prints are several with organdie collars which gives them a charmingly fresh look, and is more becoming to all but the very young than the straight line of the print at the neck.

A most attractive collection of printed voiles has just arrived in Whiteaway, Laidlaw's. There are also a number of single dress lengths of 4 yards each no two of which are alike.

YOUR HOME AND MINE.

THERE'S VIRTUE 'IN DRIED
VEGETABLES.

We have become so used to regarding dried peas, butter beans, and haricot beans only as make-shifts that it never occurs to us that they might become just as interesting and palatable as fresh vegetables.

They are certainly not as wasteful, since only the best picked peas and beans are used for drying, so you know when you are buying a packet of peas or a pound of beans that you are paying for something that is all edible.

The food value and energy value of these dried pulse foods come near to that of meat, and they are a particularly good source of Vitamin B, which has the special virtue of toning up the nerves and aiding digestion. Dried pulse foods should be eaten frequently by people who suffer from constipation.

Many people complain that these dried vegetables are flavourless. Much can be done in the cooking to prevent this. Dried peas, for instance, should have mint added to them when boiling, just as you would with fresh peas, and a little sugar should be added to replace that which has been lost in the drying.

If packet peas are carefully boiled they can look and taste just as good as fresh peas—and without the bother of shelling them too. The chief points to remember are—allow them plenty of room to swell in the boiling bag, be liberal in the water for boiling, and once they are thoroughly boiling let them cook gently until soft when tested, watching them carefully after the first quarter of an hour to prevent them becoming a squashy, unappetising mass. Add salt, sugar, and mint (dried if you cannot get fresh) to the water, when boiling, before putting in the peas.

After draining put in a hot dish, add a little butter, and toss them about in it, sprinkle a little caster sugar and chopped or dried mint over and serve very hot.

A spicy, appetising flavour can be given to dried peas or beans by the addition of tomato ketchup. Cook the peas or beans after soaking. Then heat a little tomato ketchup in a saucepan, without letting it boil. Put the cooked peas or beans in and stir until each one is covered with the sauce. Turn out on to a hot dish and pour a little more hot sauce over.

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The Princess line is not having everything quite its own way, firmly as it has established itself for day and evening wear. Most of the new frocks have an Edwardian flavour, but there are some which hark back to the days when Victoria was a girl. In these billowing dresses with their yards and yards of delicately tinted organdie, women look like lovely flowers—if they are slender. Though the couturiers are dying to bring back Edwardian fashions they are not suggesting that we should have quite the figures admired in those days, despite the fact that the boyish cut is definitely past.

I saw two of these organdie frocks in Lane, Crawford's and thought them prettier than anything else in the evening dress line I have seen this season. One is violet blue embroidered with corn colour. The skirt is very full and very long and made up of a double pannier, open in front, so that it has that rhythmic backward movement when the wearer walks which is so attractive.

The close-fitting bodice is, of course, high waisted. The second is pale green embroidered with silk, ranging from near-white to green in a simple leaf design. The embroidery runs down the bolero collar and defines the hips. The skirt, tight-fitting at the hips, flows out to very wide proportions at the hem. The décolletage is finished at the back by the bunch of narrow ribbons with long ends, fastened on with a strass buckle.

Floral chiffon is even more fashionable this summer for evening frocks than it was last year. One which I saw, cut on princess lines, has a large pattern of daffodils in dull blue, brown and green on a beige ground. Long panels to touch the ground fall at the back and sides of the skirt which is otherwise fairly short. More severe in line, is a gown of pale yellow nylon printed with a formal design in burnt orange and black. The waist is very high and the skirt longer at the back than front.

HATS FOR SPRING.

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Whiteaway, Laidlaw's have just received a very nice consignment of ladies' hats; they are very reasonable in cost and there are some most attractive models among them. One that pleased me much was of deep madder blue-bank, a large brimmed hat trimmed with a touch of coloured embroidery in front of the crown and a neat band of grosgrain. Pretty, too, is a largish cloche of millaire. The trim is of beige, the crown woven in a check of burnt orange, beige and black.

A swathe of crepe ribbon in dark brown makes a smart finish to a hat which is delightfully light in wear. Very smart with a frock of printed silk or cotton would be a small hat of dull green felt with a crown of printed silk. Straw and satin are combined in a hat for the older woman in a becoming warm brown. The satin, which is cleverly folded, makes the crown. An interesting open work braiding in coloured straws trims the crown of a small shape in nigger brown tassel, which is very becoming on the head.

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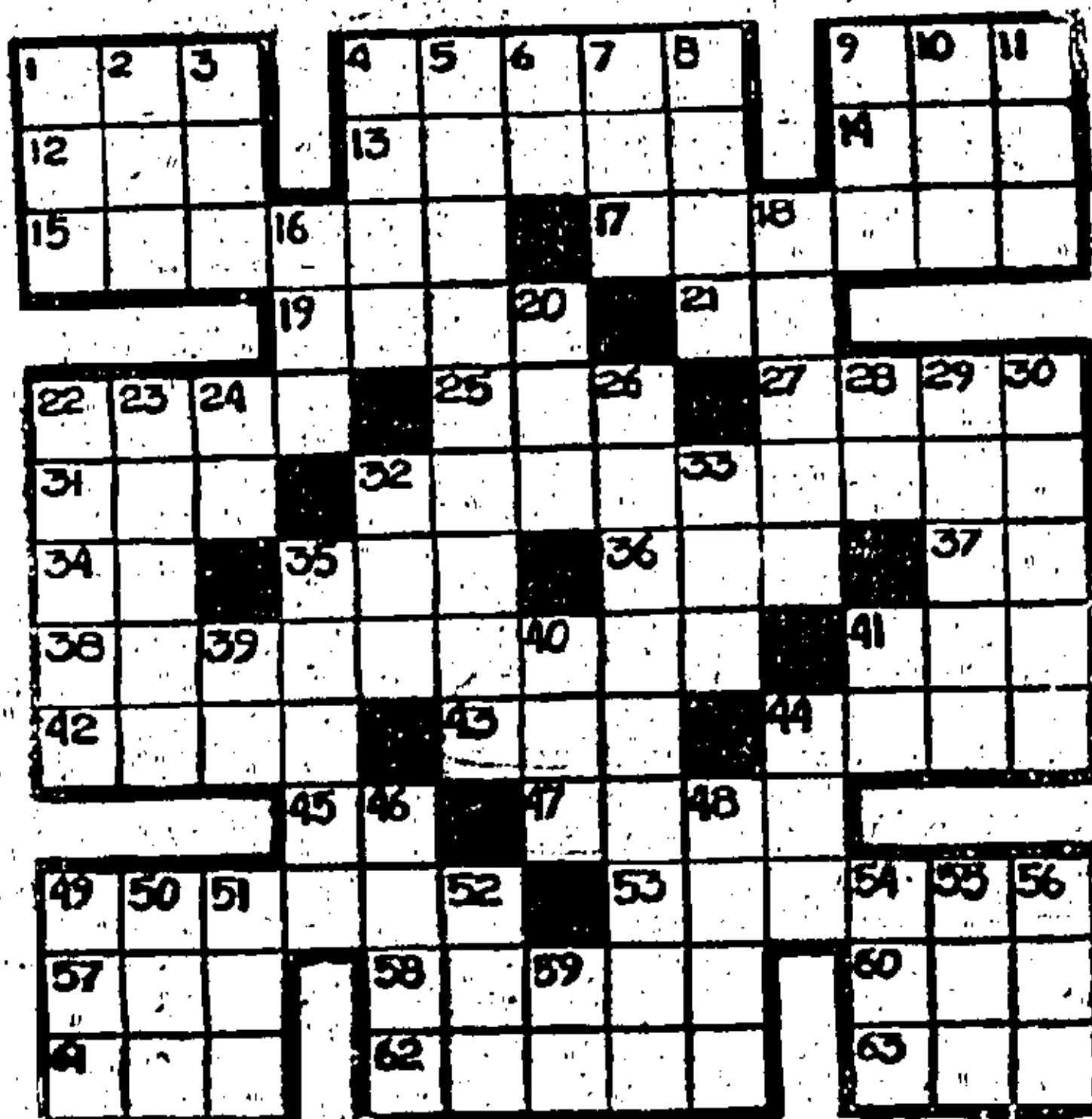
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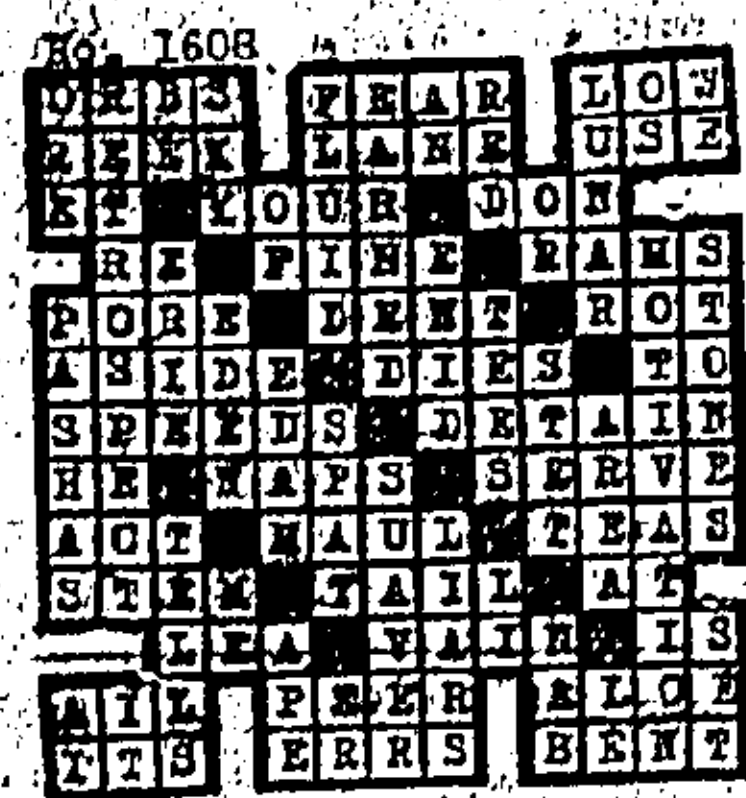
- 1.—Marsh.
- 4.—To terrify.
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- 12.—Mouths.
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- 14.—In the past.
- 15.—Ducal sword.
- 17.—Rubbed out.
- 19.—Thin.
- 21.—Comparative ending.
- 22.—Spoke.
- 25.—Hundred thousand rupees.
- 27.—Outbreak.
- 28.—Newt.
- 32.—Shaded walk.
- 34.—Butterfly.
- 35.—Falsehood.
- 36.—Beam.
- 37.—Type unit.
- 38.—Large northern island.
- 41.—Chart.
- 42.—Rope material.
- 43.—Mineral spring.
- 44.—Dispatched.
- 45.—Plural ending.
- 47.—To engrave.
- 48.—Of iron.
- 53.—Peaceful.
- 57.—Caustic substance.
- 58.—Light boat.
- 60.—A constellation.
- 61.—So far.
- 62.—Swedish coin.
- 63.—Jewel.

Vertical.

- 1.—Because.
- 2.—Age.
- 3.—A short sleep.
- 4.—On the sheltered side.
- 5.—Lives about the earth.
- 6.—Jumbled type.
- 7.—Devoured.
- 8.—Ancient harp.
- 9.—Owls.
- 10.—Duration of life.
- 11.—Deity.

- 18.—Silk.
- 19.—To decorate.
- 20.—Scotch for no.
- 22.—Cry of horse.
- 23.—In front.
- 24.—Pronoun.
- 26.—A flower.
- 29.—Within.
- 30.—Large body of water.
- 30.—To lure.
- 33.—To transfix.
- 33.—Mournful.
- 33.—One suffering from disease.
- 39.—Type unit.
- 40.—To imitate.
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- 44.—Feminine pronoun.
- 46.—Ill.
- 48.—N. American Indian.
- 49.—To soar.
- 50.—Optic.
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- 52.—Vehicle.
- 54.—To scold.
- 55.—Auser.
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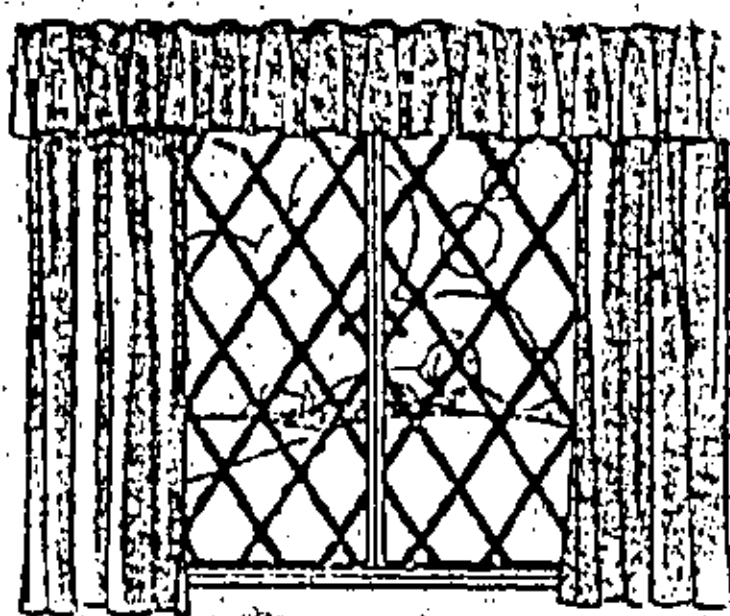
HOW DO YOU DRESS YOUR FLOORS?

ONE DAY YOU MAY WALK ON GLASS.

"It is quite possible that the houses of the future will have floors of glass," said a well-known architect the other day.

A woman who heard him shuddered at the idea. "Too cold," she said, "and no colour. Horrible!"

Perhaps she pictured rooms which would look like real ice skating rinks in miniature until it was pointed out to her that glass may be opaque, of any colour, and may have any desired surface, dull or glossy, also that mats easily removable for cleaning, might add to the comfort of rooms paved with glass, as they do to those floored with polished wood. Even then she looked doubtful.



"Something Soft" Wanted.

A doctor was much more enthusiastic over the suggestion. "Glass floors would be ideal," he said, "from the hygienic point of view. They could not possibly harbour disease germs, they would be washable, and they would save an enormous amount of labour now wasted on the polishing of wood floors."

He paused reflectively, and then added: "But women would not like them, except, perhaps, for kitchens, bathrooms, and halls. They prefer cosiness to hygiene. They like soft mats or large carpets, the thicker the better. It's quite understandable, of course."

"I like something soft to step on, so I try to console myself with the thought that in these days of vacuum cleaners fleecy floor coverings are not so insubstantial as they were when brooms were used."

Housewife's Wide Choice.

There is much to be said in favour of many diverse views. The fact is that we are not prepared to sacrifice comfort, or the appearance of our rooms, but all things being equal, we agree that floors or floor coverings which are easily cleaned, and therefore sanitary, are more desirable than those which collect dust and only receive a thorough purification occasionally.

The housewife of to-day is fortunate because she has a very wide choice. She may have coverings chiefly composed of rubber or of cork. Both present a pleasantly soft surface, and they have the desirable quality of deadening the sound of footsteps.

A floor covering of a rubber composition made a resemble red tiles has become very popular recently for use in halls, kitchens, and bath-

rooms. Many people prefer it to real tiles, as its warm colouring is equally pleasing and its silencing property is a boon, especially to flat dwellers.

Self-coloured-lino in an immense variety of shades is also becoming more and more popular. The old conventional floral patterns are not so much admired as they were formerly. Like wallpapers of pronounced pattern, they are not in accordance with the taste of those who like broad colour schemes rather than masses of niggling detail. Imitation parquet patterns are popular, especially for filling in the space between the carpet and skirting-board. The inlaid lino, the patterns of which cannot be destroyed by wear, are far more economical in the long run than those cheaper varieties which bear the design only on the surface.

A Touch of Dignity.

The parquet flooring, on the contrary, will improve as time passes, if it is polished regularly. This flooring, therefore, with some mats, especially if they be of the reversible type, may be regarded as economical, and it gives a touch of dignity to any room, for it is still associated in the minds of many people with the fine old homes of England.

There is a less expensive form of parquet, which is supplied in large sheets about a quarter of an inch thick. These sheets are laid on the ordinary flooring, and are carefully joined so that the pattern is continuous. The effect is, of course, excellent.

The variety of rugs and carpets is so great with regard to textures, colours and designs that the only practical advice that can be given to the housewife is that she should visit one of the big stores, or "Arts and Crafts." There she will see floor coverings from the cheapest to the most expensive brought from almost every part of the world. Many of those made in Great Britain are superb examples of the good taste of our manufacturers.

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Most of the hats I saw were simple in style and would look very well with washing frocks of silk or cotton—a few are more formal and intended for afternoon wear. One, which would be equally appropriate with a simple linen or a dress of flowered nino, is of ivory bankok trimmed with a band of lemon gros grain. Another of varnished pailasse in white, old gold and deep violet has a similar band of violet ribbon. Very pretty too is a simple hat of white silk straw banded with white gros grain.

Among the more dressing hats I noticed two in a new fancy weave straw, one beige and the other violet grey, both trimmed with velvet flower heads. The brim of a large scarlet tagel is upturned à la Napoleon and braided with white. There are several very attractive scarlet hats in smaller shapes of tagel and pari buntel, and I saw one lovely large model with a softly drooping brim in very fine black crin.

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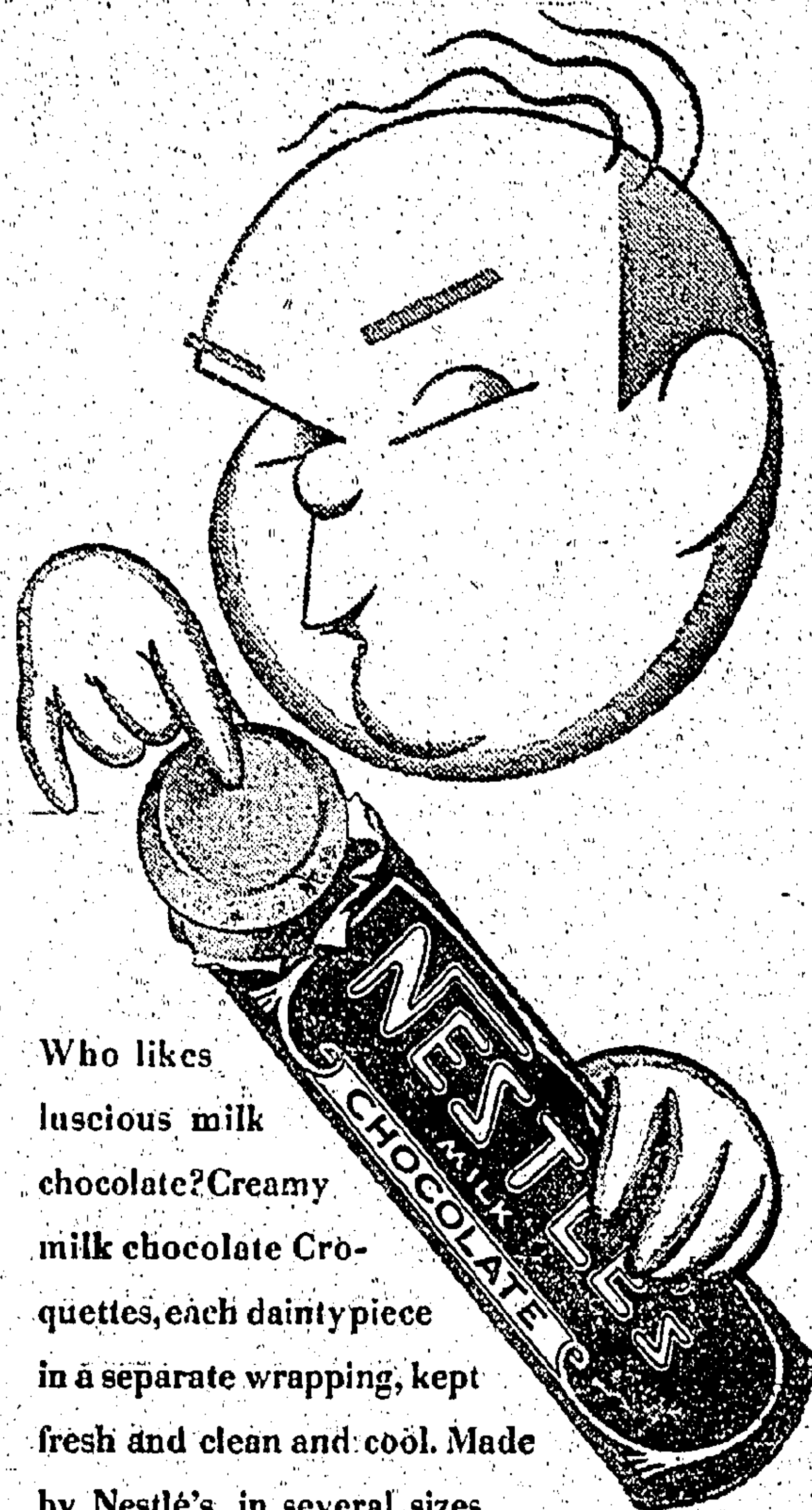
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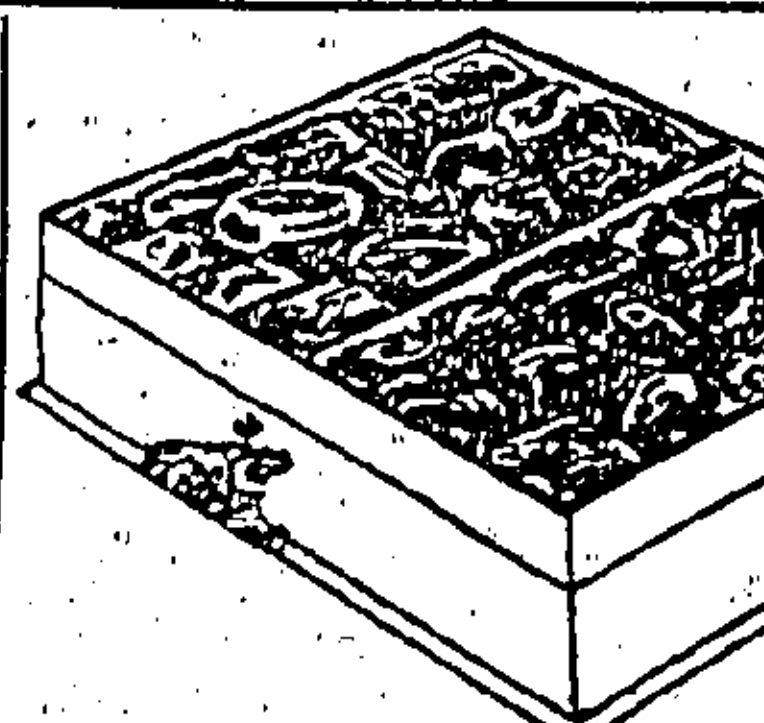
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FURTHER EVIDENCE IN OPIUM CASE.

WHO BROUGHT THE LUGGAGE?

The case in which Mui Kwok Leung, a Justice of the Peace of Singapore, is charged with possession of opium, was continued at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Import and Export Office, prosecuted, and Mr. D. L. Strellett was for the defence.

At a previous hearing Mr. Lloyd had given evidence concerning instructions to officers of the Revenue Department. He continued his evidence yesterday, when Mr. Strellett put a series of questions to him regarding the discretion to arrest given to Revenue Officers.

Mr. Strellett asked Mr. Lloyd if the latter agreed that since the amendment of the Opium Ordinance, theonus was not on the prosecution to prove that a person had knowledge of the contents of any baggage or luggage which he carried, but rather on the defence to prove that there was no knowledge of the contents of such baggage or luggage. Mr. Lloyd agreed.

Mr. Strellett: In view of this section, can you state any reason why the Revenue Officers did not intercept the person who brought the opium into the Hotel?—The informant did not know that the opium was going into the Hotel, but he knew it was coming out.

Mr. Strellett: We have heard in evidence that C.R.O. 9 knew that the opium was going into the Hotel?

Not Relevant?

At this point, Mr. Lindsell said that it seemed hard for him to see the relevancy of the question. He did not see that the prosecution was called upon to answer such a question. The Magistrate asked Mr. Strellett what relevancy had such a point to the charge?

Mr. Strellett replied that he wanted to know why, if the men who brought the opium into the Hotel could be arrested, were they not arrested since the presence of these people would be of extreme value in a case of the present kind.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out to Mr. Strellett that theonus was not on the prosecution, but on the defendant to satisfy the Court that he had no knowledge that the opium was there.

Mr. Strellett, in reply, asked how was it possible to prove that without the presence of the person who brought the opium. He pointed out that if a person put opium in his (Mr. Strellett's) pockets, while he was on the street, and an officer witnessed the act and chose to ignore the person who placed the opium in Mr. Strellett's pocket, preferring to take action against Mr. Strellett, the latter would be rather handicapped.

Mr. Lindsell then asked why the questions which Mr. Strellett was putting to Mr. Lloyd were not put to the Chinese Revenue Officer when the latter gave evidence. He thought Mr. Strellett should have asked that man why he did not intercept the opium before it reached the hotel.

Continuing his cross-examination, Mr. Strellett was told by witness that the hotel employees could not give any description of the four coolies who brought the luggage to the hotel.

Answering another question, Mr. Lloyd stated that he had heard that two men went to the hotel with the baggage but was not sure on that point.

In regard to the value of the opium, Mr. Lloyd stated that the 1,184 taels of "Red Lion" brand of opium would cost about \$4 a tael or roughly about \$4,700. As regards the 1,353 taels of raw Persian opium, Mr. Lloyd said that he had no idea as to the market price of this, but thought it would be a little more than \$3 a tael. He agreed with Mr. Strellett that the parcel would cost more than \$9,000.

A room boy in the Empress Hotel was next called. He said that on the morning of March 1 he roused the defendant at 6.30 a.m. The defendant left the hotel at about 7 a.m. to go "on board ship" but returned later, stating that he wanted to find his keys.

Cross-examined by Mr. Strellett, witness said that the defendant arrived at the Hotel on February 27 with two large cases and a smaller one. The day following his arrival, witness had seen a man in European clothes "emerge from defendant's room. Another person, a youth of 10 to 15 years of age, was also seen in defendant's room. On the morning of the defendant's arrest, the man and the boy were seen coming out of defendant's room again. They arrived separately and left separately. The defendant returned a second time on the morning of March 1, being accompanied by a constable on the second occasion. He had then consulted telephone directory.

Tsang Kam, the youth who was carrying some of the luggage when the defendant was arrested, was next called. He stated under cross-examination that he had on previous occasions looked after the defendant's luggage when the latter left Hong Kong. The witness related an instance when Revenue men demanded to search some ten suitcases belonging to defendant and, in spite of the latter's protest, the luggage was searched, but nothing was found. On another occasion, the defendant's wife was sailing for Singapore when the Revenue men wanted to search the luggage. Defendant pointed out that he was a J.P. of Singapore and produced a card, but the luggage was searched just the same, nothing being found. The hearing was adjourned.

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No. 14/30.

1.-Casuals.

Musketry Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 6, 1930. All those, with the exception of the Portuguese Company, who have not yet fired are requested to do so. O.C. Companies will please endeavour to obtain the attendance of as many casuals as possible.

Range Officer: Lieut. H. G. Williams.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches or bandoliers. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, April 4, 1930, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, April 5, 1930, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

2.-Corps Rifle Meeting.

The Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on April 18 and 19.

Launches will leave Queen's Pier at 7.45 a.m., 8.15 a.m., and 1.30 p.m., calling at Kowloon Police Pier ten minutes later.

The dates and approximate times will be as follows:-

Friday, April 18.

9.00 a.m. Blake Shield and Musketry Competition.

9.00 .. Francis Cup.

2.30 p.m. Jar Competition.

3.45 .. Attack Competition.

Saturday, April 19.

9.00 a.m. Corps Championship and Tyro Competition.

11.00 .. Reserves Competition.

Revolver Competition-Corps and All Comers-will be fired both days.

9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Friday and 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

Competitors will make their own arrangements for tiffin. The canteen will be in attendance.

Dress: Uniform, Musketry order. Helmets to be worn when firing.

Entries to be sent in by Tuesday, April 8.

3.-Machine Gun Course.

O.C. Companies are reminded that Part I, Machine Gun Course should be fired on Kennedy Road Range during the early part of the year.

4.-Addresses.

All Volunteers are requested to notify the Adjutant on the programme provided at their address.

5.-Corps Band.

There will be no further Band Practices until the end of April, but all members are asked to carry on individual practice during this period.

6.-Battery.

The Battery will parade for Lewis Gun Instruction at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, April 11, at Headquarters.

7.-Engineer.

The Engineer Company will proceed to Camp at Lyceum on Friday, April 11, and return on Sunday night, April 13.

PARADE.

Parade at Queen's Pier on April 11, at 6 p.m.

Dress: Helmets, tunics, slacks, equipment with haversack, rifle and bayonet. Greatcoats will be carried rolled on webbing braces.

Extra kit must be sent to Headquarters by 12 noon on Friday, April 11.

Very few names have been received of those intending to be present and it is essential that members should notify Headquarters with the least possible delay.

There will be no parade at Wellington Barracks on April 10.

8.-Corps Signals.

Signal Class will parade at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10.

9.-Machine Gun Troop.

Thursday, April 10, parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

10.-Armoured Car Company.

Victor Cycle Section.

Parade at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, April 11, for Kennedy Road Range, M.G. Part I.

11.-Scottish Company.

Parades: Thursday, April 10, 1930, for Machine Gun Instruction.

No. 8 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth.

MUSKETRY.

All ranks who have not yet fired Part II. will have an opportunity of doing so with the Casuals on Sunday, April 6, 1930.

12.-Portuguese Company.

Kennedy Road Range-The Kennedy Road Range will be allotted to the Company on Friday, April 4.

Miniature Range-The Miniature Range will be allotted to the Company on Friday, April 4.

PARADES.

The Company will parade on Friday, April 11, at Headquarters for Lewis Gun training.

All Sergeants are particularly asked to attend the parade on Friday, April 4.

RIFLES.

All ranks are reminded that when any defect appears to their rifles, they should report same when handing the rifle back into store.

13.-Struck Off the Strength.

Having completed three years' service:-

No. 227 B.S.M. C. H. Summers, Reserve Co. as from March 22, 1930.

Having left the Colony:-

No. 163 C.S.M. D. J. Purves, No. 7 Platoon, as from October 22, 1929.

Permitted to resign:-

No. 1317 Pte. S. C. Banks, Armoured Car Co., as from March 31, 1930.

No. 1235 Corp. P. L. P. Thomas, Armoured Car Co., as from March 31, 1930.

No. 559 Pte. J. R. Collie, No. 1 Platoon, as from March 29, 1930.

No. 602 Pte. C. R. M. Young, Reserve Co., as from April 1, 1930.

14.-Strength.

The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:-

No. 1538 Pte. J. Donaldson, Armoured Car Co., as from April 1, 1930.

No. 1559 Pte. T. Armstrong, Engineer Co., as from April 1, 1930.

15.-Transfer.

Capt. M. G. Noll, Corps Signals, and Lieut. J. Norrie-Owen, No. 9 Platoon, are transferred to Reserve of Officers.

16.-Leave.

Capt. E. P. Minett, Medical Section, from April 2 to June 30, 1930.

R. C. STRACHEY, Captain, Acting Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Hong Kong, April 3, 1930.

POINT IN GARAGE LAW.

DOCTOR'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES NOT UPHOLD.

A claim by a doctor for damage to his car in a garage was not allowed by Judge Higgins; at Bow County Court recently.

Dr. Hyman Winch, of Roman-road, Bow, E., said that he garaged his car at the garage of Mrs. Quain, of Tredegar-road, Bow. One day he found that the radiator and a wing had been damaged. He claimed £5 10s. 9d.

Mrs. Quain said she had brought into court a notice board displayed at her garage stating that cars were left there at the owners' own risk.

Judge Higgins gave judgment for Mrs. Quain with costs. He refused leave to appeal, saying that it was quite clear that there was no evidence of negligence on the part of the defendant.

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PROPOSED WATER POWER SCHEME.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 3.

The German Trade Commission, consisting of Messrs. Heinrich Retzmann, G. Dettmar, Carl Wendt, Radermacher, von Gonstard and Strewe, who arrived in Canton a few days ago, is being lavishly entertained by the local Government.

They were the guests of honour last night at an elaborate banquet given by General Chen Ming Shu. After the banquet the General delivered a speech of welcome, saying that China and Germany have been on very friendly terms during recent years. The two nations have nothing in conflict, whether viewed from an economic standpoint or from a political standpoint.

The Canton regime is seriously considering the possible development of the water power in the upper parts of the North River in the vicinity of Yingtak. It is seeking the expert advice of the German visitors who are all leaders of industry of their country. But as yet nothing is definite.

The German visitors, except to leave Canton for Nanking in the course of the next few days. They came to Canton in response to the invitation of the Chinese National Government. Their main mission is to help the Chinese Government to develop some of the most urgently needed resources of the country.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S RETIREMENT.

PRESENTATIONS AND A CHINESE DINNER.

In view of the departure next week of the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, the members of the legal profession will assemble at the Supreme Court at 3 o'clock this afternoon to pay their respects and to make a presentation.

Another presentation will be made later in chambers by the staff of the Supreme Court.

A farewell dinner will be given to Sir Henry by the Chinese members of the Legislative Council on Saturday evening at the Kam Ling Restaurant, West Point.

BLIND WOMAN'S CHILD KIDNAPPED.

REMOVED FROM HER LAP.

A blind Chinese woman named Cheng Mui has made a report to the Police to the effect that her two-year-old son has been kidnapped.

She stated that she was sitting on the kerb in Canton Road opposite the Mongkok Market with her son on her lap and her 13-year-old daughter by her side, at about 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, when she felt her boy being lifted from her lap, presumably by her daughter. Ten minutes later, the daughter, who had gone across to the market without her mother's knowledge, returned and asked where the boy was. It was then that the woman realised that her boy had been kidnapped and notified the Police immediately. Efforts are being made to trace the kidnappers.

FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL.

BOYS' NARROW ESCAPES.

Three Hundred boys of Felsted School, Essex, turned out in pyjamas and dressing gowns last month during a fire which destroyed the famous Grignon Hall and an annex containing eight classrooms.

The outbreak was discovered at 2 a.m. by the Rev. F. Stephenson, the headmaster, who was awakened by the crackling of the flames. Masters and prefects were aroused, and the whole school was summoned to "stand to" by the boy buglers of the O.T.C.

The senior boys took charge of companies of pupils, and while awaiting the arrival of the Braintree and Dunmow fire brigades, some miles away, the boys dragged out the hand pump, nails, ladders and hose, the school's fire-fighting apparatus, and attacked the flames.

They concentrated on preventing the fire from spreading.

It was an hour and a half before the Braintree Fire Brigade, which had been attending another fire, arrived on the scene. The Dunmow brigade followed half an hour later.

The hall by this time was a mass of flames. The fire had broken through to the roof, and spread to the school annex at the back of the hall.

The boys had kept the pump going continuously for two hours. Twelve lads pumped furiously for five minutes, then stepped back while another twelve took their place, and so on until dawn. While they pumped they shouted school calls and songs.

The tower of the hall crashed into the ruins of the building at four o'clock, and scores of boys had narrow escapes from the falling tiles and brickwork.

The fire was not completely extinguished until late in the afternoon.

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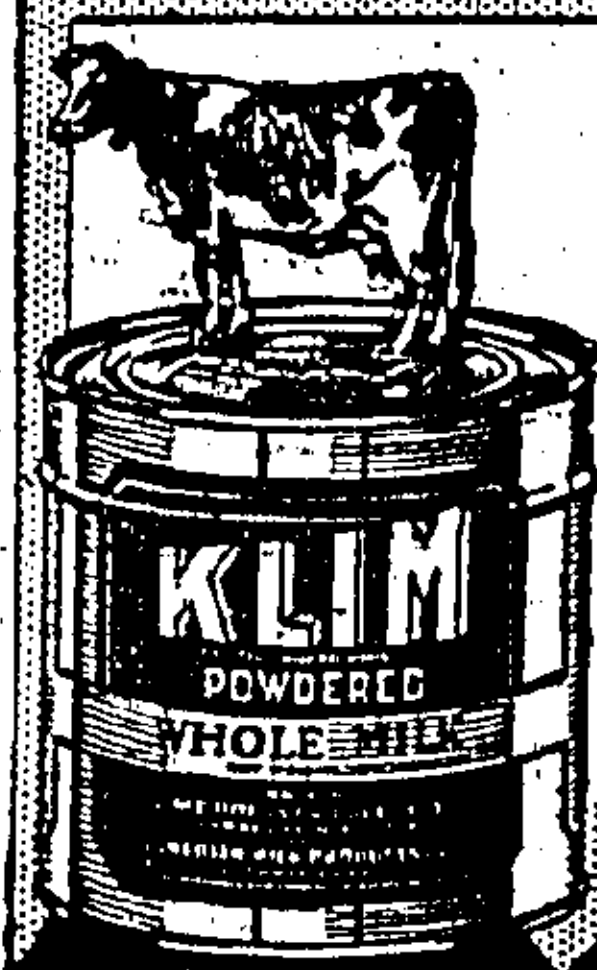
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REPORT OF THE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE.

STRONG PLEA BY MR. LO AND MR. BRAGA
FOR CAROLINE HILL.

TENNIS COURTS AND PROPER PLAYGROUNDS RECOMMENDED.

We published below the second part of the report of the Playing Fields Committee, including the strong plea by Messrs. J. P. Braga and M. K. Lo on behalf of the retention of Caroline Hill as a recreation area.

The report of the Kowloon Sub-Committee makes valuable recommendations for various areas. What Mr. Cock has to say about the provision of tennis courts and Mr. J. L. McPherson about playgrounds also merits consideration alike by public and officials.

In the section of the report given below stress is again laid upon the need to check on the Peninsula, the overcrowding and the lack of open spaces characteristic of the City of Victoria. The games spirit, gaining ground with astonishing rapidity among the Chinese, must receive recognition and the sub-Committees urge that provision must be made for more tennis courts and football fields. The children of people now content to watch will want to play, and this healthy and proper ambition should be encouraged in a British Colony.

THE CHINESE NEED MORE PLAYING FIELDS.

The report continues as follows: Throughout our enquiries we have avoided consideration of any questions in regard to the present or future allotment of grounds to individual clubs and have confined ourselves to the recommendation of suitable areas for reservation, leaving matters of detailed allocation to the permanent Reclamation Grounds Committee, which might allot the new grounds to such clubs as would be willing to develop them and put them in order for play, as we realize that Government is not likely to be able to provide funds to lay out and turf the whole of these grounds for a very long time.

With regard to tenure however it has been strongly urged upon us that the system of annual allocation renders the tenure of the areas so insecure that Clubs are naturally disinclined to incur large expenditure on improvements. The development of the new areas suggested in this report should reduce the necessity for restricting the rights of a club to a very short tenure and we consider that it would be in the interest of the recreation facilities of the Colony that Clubs should be granted sufficiently long tenure to make it worth their while to develop their grounds and put permanent buildings upon them, such questions of length of tenure, etc., to be settled in each case on the advice of the permanent Reclamation Grounds Committee. At the same time we consider that parts of the new areas should be preserved as public playgrounds unallocated to any particular interests and free to all to come and play on.

We consider that generally speaking the allotment of all public playing fields and such open spaces as it might be desirable to use for games and such Crown Land as might be temporarily made available for games should be in the discretion of the Recreation Grounds Committee, subject to the approval of Government, and that it would be much in the interest of all concerned if the annual meeting of this Committee for the purpose of making allotments could take place in March rather than later in the year.

We have only one other recommendation to add on this subject and that is that the permanent Reclamation Grounds Committee should give due consideration to the claims of Vernacular Schools for allotments on applications by such schools through the Director of Education.

Public Tennis Courts.

It has been represented to us that there is a numerous class of persons in the Colony, composed of various races, who, having little time or means of obtaining other out-door exercise are anxious to play lawn tennis and yet are prevented by one reason or another from joining tennis clubs, that such people would gladly avail themselves of any public facilities for the game that might be provided, and that the cost of making, supervising, and maintaining a few tennis courts would be a very small item of Government special and recurrent expenditure, while it would benefit a large number of people. It has been suggested to us that a beginning might be made with three such courts on the south end of area P at King's Park, which is at present allotted but unused except as a public football ground, and with another 3 courts on some of the ground recommended for use as playing fields in the neighbourhood of Prince Edward Road. A memorandum on this subject by Mr. E. Cock forms appendix VIII to this report.

We recommend that Government should endeavour to give effect to this proposal and establish public "hard" tennis courts on these lines. It is suggested that the courts might be looked after by the branch of the Public Works Department, which at present looks after the public bathing beaches and that the open tennis season should coincide with the closed season for bathing.

Games and "Playgrounds Association."

It has been represented to us that certain small open spaces both in Hong Kong and on the Mainland might be used with great benefit to the localities in which they are situated if they were devoted to organized games like volleyball and basketball. We understand that for 10 years a small plot of ground at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Bridges Street has been so used for organized games under Y.M.C.A. supervision to the great advantage of over 1,000 boys from 10 to 15 schools in the neighbourhood at a comparatively small cost, and that other small schools have followed suit on small plots near their school premises. We understand from Mr. J. L. McPherson, the Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., that if further ground were made available this movement might be extended for the benefit of other school boys and street boys. Mr. McPherson pointed out however that some central organization would be necessary to collect funds for the provision of equipment, to organize and supervise the games and to see that all children had a fair share in the use of the grounds. He suggested that an Association might be formed for this purpose to be called the "Small Playing Grounds Association" to which any available grounds could be allotted by the Recreation Grounds Committee. This Association could employ a supervisor of play assisted by volunteer help which we have reason to think would be forthcoming. We are indebted to Mr. McPherson for the memorandum on this subject which forms Appendix IX to this report. We feel that Mr. McPherson's proposal deserves every encouragement both from Government and from the public, as it is only by the organization of games that full use can be made of public playing grounds provided at public expense for the poorer children of the community. We have learned with much interest of the success which has attended the organization of games on public playgrounds elsewhere and we consider that the idea is capable of very useful development in Hong Kong. We annex to this report as Appendix X, a memorandum on the organization of games in Colombo kindly furnished by the Chairman of the Colombo Municipality. The memorandum well illustrates the development of which this idea is capable.

Conclusion.

Before closing our report we desire to express our indebtedness to the Honourable the Director of Public Works who provided for us, often at very short notice, plans of the many areas which we had under review from time to time. The large size of the Committee, the great number of areas visited and reviewed, the mass of detail involved and the length of the proceedings at most of the meetings threw very heavy work on the Secretary which he discharged with unflinching courtesy and promptness. We desire to place on record our high appreciation of his valuable services, which have gone far to lighten the burden which fell on the Committee. We also desire to record our appreciation of the services of our stenographer, Miss Ferguson.

We have the honour to be, Sir, Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

W. T. Southorn (Chairman),
Harold T. Creasy, W. E. L. Shenton, J. P. Braga, S. W. Ts'o, E. Ralphs, F. H. D. Byron, C. A. de Linde, Richard Hancock, E. Cook, M. K. Lo, A. el Arculli,
Hong Kong, January, 1930.

*—These members have signed subject to their reservation annexed.
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RESERVATION BY HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA AND MR. M. K. LO

We regret the necessity for this reservation but we are unable to sign the Report without it on account of its recommendations relating to Caroline Hill as contained in paragraph 11 (a) and paragraph 12 of that Report, with which we are in disagreement.

We do not agree to the sale of the Caroline Hill area, at present and for some time past allocated and extensively used as a playing field, as "a means of financing the more expeditious completion" by the Government of the scheme for reclaiming and laying out Aberdeen Inlet for recreation grounds.

Our reasons for disagreement are as follows:

(a) The carving out of Caroline Hill for building purposes would spoil the amenities of the Sookunpoo Valley now almost exclusively devoted to the purpose of playing fields the benefits of which are enjoyed by men of the Services as well as by civilians of all nationalities. The conspicuously successful Grant Tat-too, held for a period of three consecutive days in October 1929, when thousands of residents of, and visitors to, the Colony, enjoyed a magnificent spectacle staged in an ideal and unique setting sufficiently demonstrates the value of Sookunpoo Valley being retained and maintained for its present purposes without the incumbrance of buildings for residential purposes, for which more suitable sites might be found elsewhere on the Island, and preferably, at Kowloon.

(b) The value and the cost of the land should not, in our opinion, constitute a deciding factor in the consideration of the question as to whether or not it should be retained as a recreation ground. Indeed, if that were a decisive factor in such a question, it would be difficult to justify the retention of playing fields occupying immensely more valuable areas within the City limits, e.g. the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, which we understand is worth about five and a half million dollars. The same might be said of the extensive area within King's Park at Kowloon which, for its entire acreage, has a value far in excess of that which may be assessed for Caroline Hill. And yet the permanent reservation of King's Park for playing fields and as an open area—a very wise measure indeed—has been secured by legislation.

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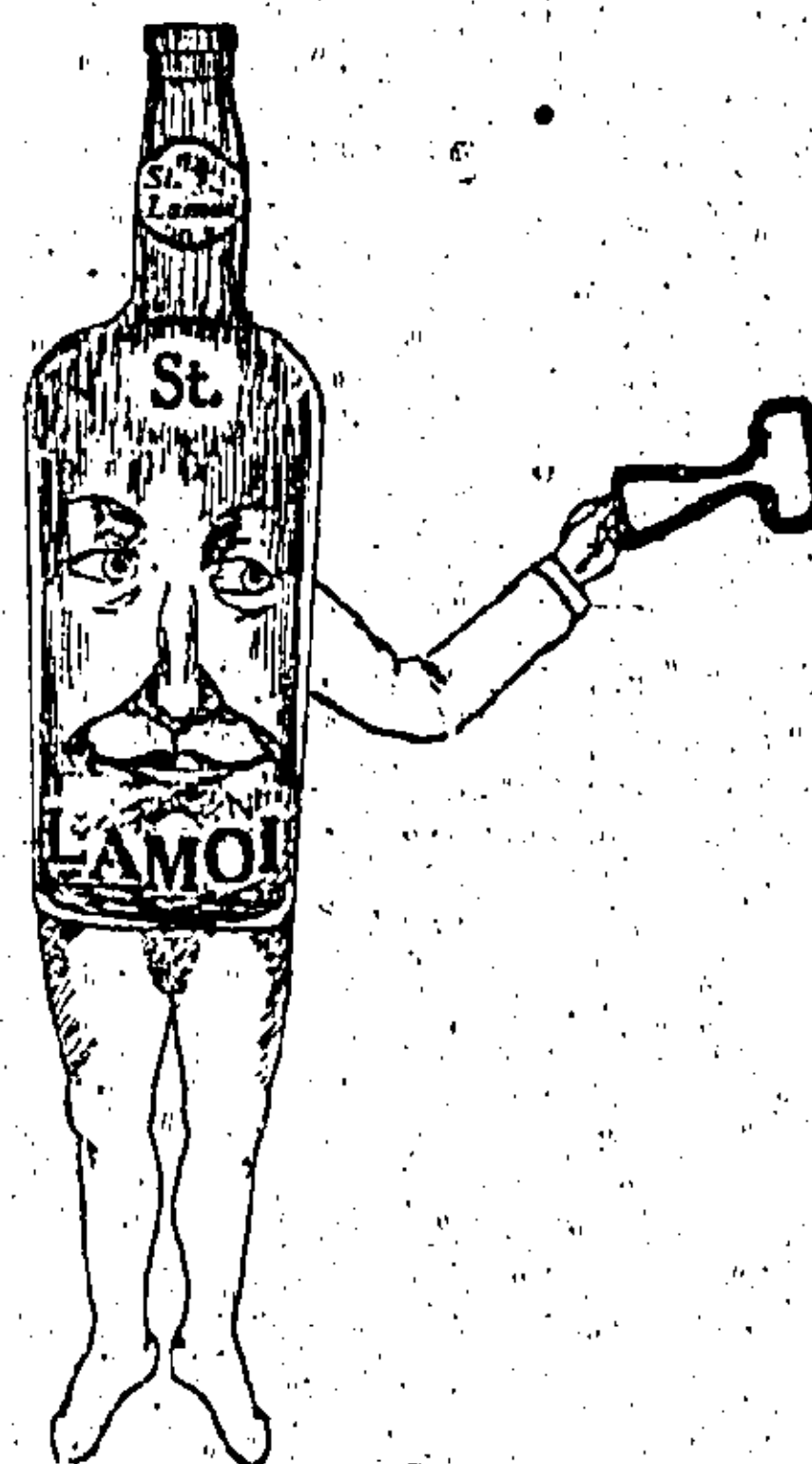
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FAREWELL TO COLONY.

A sense of wrench was felt by the large circle of colleagues and friends of Mr. Robert Duncan, Senior Sanitary Inspector in Kowloon, when, in the office of the Sanitary Board, yesterday afternoon, they made a presentation to Mr. Duncan on the eve of his departure after being here for 27 years. Mr. Duncan joined the Sanitary Department of the Government service on June 2, 1903, and became Senior Inspector at the beginning of 1925, being placed in charge of the Kowloon district.

In his younger days Mr. Duncan was a keen footballer, and, more recently an active member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. For over 20 years in the Volunteers, and holding the rank of corporal, Mr. Duncan was awarded the Long Service Medal. He was an excellent marksman and has figured prominently in a large number of rifle matches.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are leaving for home by the Empress of Russia, but their son, who is on the A.P.C. staff, remains in Hong Kong.

The Presentation.

In making the presentation—a wall barometer—from the members of the Sanitary Department—Chief Inspector C. E. Frith, said that Mr. Duncan had always been a most conscientious and willing officer, and I know he will be missed by some of the younger Inspectors. He has been my right-hand man for over 20 years and I am very sorry to lose him. I trust that both he and Mrs. Duncan will have good health and live long to enjoy their pension in the old country. Mr. Frith then asked Mr. Duncan, on behalf of the officers of the Department, to accept the barometer as a memento, and with every expression of good will. (Applause.)

Mr. Duncan thanked his colleagues for a very useful gift especially useful in the old country. He would hang it up by his bed and before he got up could have a look at the barometer and see if it was stormy or otherwise. (Laughter.) "If it gets down to about 32 it means I shall remain in bed." (Laughter.)

After thanking Mr. Frith for the kind things he had said, Mr. Duncan said in conclusion: "I cannot very much thank the time has come for me to lay down my tools. I have had 27 years in the Department and I have carried out my duties to the best of my ability. No one could do more than that. I trust that you all will carry on as long as I have and be able to enjoy your pensions as I hope to enjoy mine. I want to thank you all very much. (Applause.)"

ILL-TREATING A MUI TSAI
CHINESE WOMAN FINED.

Tam Wong, a Chinese woman residing at 105 Woosung Street, Kowloon, who was charged with ill treating her mui tsai by beating her with firewood on March 22, was again before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Dr. D. J. Valentine stated that he examined the girl, Lai Ngan, on March 22, when he found numerous small bruises and superficial wounds on the back of both the fore-arm and hand. She had a bruise on the nose and left cheek. There were a number of old cane marks in front of both thighs. The girl appeared to be moderately well nourished but rather dirty and unkempt. The bruises and wounds might have been caused by pieces of firewood such as those exhibited in Court. The punishment inflicted was, in his opinion, excessive. He had to send the girl to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Magistrate (to defendant): "Have you anything to say or witness to call?" "I lost my temper at times, but I didn't beat the girl every day."

"I hope not. It is a very serious thing to inflict injuries every day."

In convicting defendant, Mr. Whyte Smith said: "I consider the beating which you gave to the girl with firewood to be ill treatment. I don't think firewood should be used in inflicting punishment. It is not suitable and is too heavy and rough. You seemed to be not too particular which part of the child you struck. You also hit her on the face. There is evidence in this case that you drew blood in beating this girl. It appears that you gave her excessive punishment if she had done something wrong. You are fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment."

A PAIR OF ROGUES
SENTENCED.ENTICED TWO GIRLS FROM
CANTON.MAGISTRATE'S STERN
REBUKE.

The case in which two men, Ma Fung Cheong and Cheong Li Cho, were charged with harbouring two girls 18 and 19 years of age, was proceeded with at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith. There was a further charge against the first defendant of being found in possession of a knuckle duster.

Mr. H. R. Butters, for the prosecution, said that the girls first met defendants in Canton on March 14, when they were enticed from their homes without the knowledge of their parents. The girls were kept in a Canton boarding house for two nights and brought to Hong Kong by train on the morning of March 16. Since that date defendants lived with the girls in 177, Woo Sung Street, 2nd floor. Information of the girls' whereabouts was given to their parents by a man named Li Po. They came down to Hong Kong and with the assistance of the Police had the two men arrested. The first defendant resisted, and attempted to use his knuckle duster.

Two Foolish Girls.

Leung Pat, aged 18, the girl victimised by first defendant, said that on the night of March 14 she and her sworn sister, Wong Yung, were outside the Customs House in Canton. They went to a stall and purchased one cigarette between the two of them. The two defendants, who had been watching, accosted them and one of them said: "Two persons buying one cigarette. Allow us to offer you one." Wong Yung accepted the cigarette and defendants subsequently invited them to a theatre. The girls went and after the performance were taken to a restaurant. From there the party took rickshaws to a boarding house and they stayed two nights in the place. On the third day they came down to Hong Kong with the two defendants, by train. Witness agreed that she was quite willing to come to Hong Kong but first defendant promised her "it was only to stay with his aunt for a few days." She stayed in a room with the first defendant in a house in Kowloon and had been living with him from March 17 to 21.

Magistrate: Was he kind to you?—I can't say. Sometimes he made me to eat even when I did not want to.

The mother of Leung Pat, giving evidence, said that on information received from Li Po she came down to Hong Kong. She had never seen the defendants before. She reported the matter to the Police in Hong Kong, and the two men were arrested.

Wong Yung, aged 19, who was alleged to have been harboured by the second defendant, corroborated the story told by the other girl. She said that she had asked to go back to Canton but second defendant persuaded her to stay a few days more.

Row In Temple Street.

Evidence was then given by Li Po, who stated that on March 22 he was sitting outside a shop in Temple Street when defendants greeted him. They told him that they had brought two girls down from Canton, whom they intend to sell for \$200 and \$400 respectively. Witness replied that he knew of no likely purchasers. The same evening he was introduced to the two girls. He saw them again the following morning, when defendants were not in the house, and told them that they were to be sold. They were very frightened, ran down the stairs and asked to be taken to the railway station. Witness followed them and in the street met defendants and a crowd of friends. The defendants became very abusive and threatened to kill witness. Later he went to Canton and told the girls' parents everything.

"Not Manchu Days!"

Asked whether he had anything to say, the first defendant stated that Leung Pat Mui came with him willingly to Hong Kong.

It was Li Po, who tried to sell the two girls, but he failed. He told the parents out of spite. Defendant promised the girl that he would marry her and he could not understand why he was charged with harbouring the girl.

The Magistrate answered that even if the girl agreed to live with him the parents' permission had to be obtained, as she was under 21 years of age.

First Defendant: This is the Chinese Republic and not the old Manchu days. So long as both parties agree it can be done.

Magistrate (sternly): As long as you are in Hong Kong you have to abide by the laws of the Colony. It is a law in Hong Kong that you cannot harbour a girl without the consent of her parents.

His Worship sentenced defendants to one month's imprisonment each for harbouring the girls. For being in possession of a knuckle duster the first defendant had an other month's imprisonment added to his sentence.

ROUND THE COURTS.

CURIOS OR MUSKETS?

At Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. Whyte-Smith had before him two Chinese boatmen who were charged with the unlawful possession of two old muskets which were badly damaged.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys, who prosecuted, said that his instructions were to ask that no fine be imposed but that he should merely bring the matter to Court in order that a confiscation order might be made, so as to set an example to other junk people.

The officer concluded by saying that on the craft's arrival from a Chinese territory on Wednesday, a raid was carried out for opium. There was no drug on board and they found the guns instead.

Confiscation was accordingly ordered, and in passing the order, the Magistrate remarked the articles were more like curios than anything else.

\$10 FOR A FREE SHOW.

When a Chinese appeared before Mr. Whyte-Smith on the charge of assaulting a ticket-collector of the Po Hing Theatre on Wednesday night, it was alleged that he tried to gain admission to the show without a ticket, and when he was stopped by the ticket-collector, he struck him (the complainant).

The defendant denied this and said he had gone to see an actor. He admitted he had no ticket but said it was not necessary, as he did not want to see the performance. He accused the ticket-collector of striking him first.

SALE OF A GIRL.

Man Cheung, a Chinese woman, was before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grant yesterday on the charge of taking part in a transaction on March 31, for the change of custody of a girl named Leung Ling, whose age was given as thirteen, in consideration of a sum of \$112.

It was stated that the woman was arrested in Elgin Street yesterday while the girl is at present under the care of the Po Leung Kook.

When charged, the woman was alleged to have made a statement to the effect that she had bought the girl, and produced a document in support of her claim.

Hearing was fixed for Tuesday next, accused being given bail in the sum of \$500 in cash and two sureties of \$250 each.

COSTLY HIT WITH SHOVEL.

While going on his rounds, a Sanitary coolie came upon some rattle which he had a right to remove. He was half-way through his job when a *foki* of the rattle shop struck him on the head with a shovel, with the result that the coolie was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, where it was found that the wound was a deep lacerated one.

A sequel to the "row" was the appearance of the *foki* at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when he was fined \$10 or two weeks' imprisonment. He was further ordered to pay \$10 as compensation to the coolie, failing which he would have to "do" an extra term of 14 days in jail.

NO TOBACCO LICENCE.

Two Chinese, a man and a woman, were brought before Mr. Whyte-Smith yesterday, when charges of being in possession of 97 pounds of dutiable tobacco and of selling the same without an appropriate licence were brought against them.

Mr. Whyte-Smith, who was asked by Mr. J. M. D'Almeida, the prosecutor, to apply for a short remand and bail.

R. O. Young remarked that the Superintendent of Imports and Exports wished for a week's remand to go into some papers. He asked for \$1,000 bail for the man and \$700 for the woman.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

TO FOLLOW LAST YEAR'S PLAN.

St. George's Day, April 23, is to be celebrated on similar lines to last year. At 11 a.m. the President, supported by the Committee, will deposit a wreath at the Cenotaph and it is hoped that the brief ceremony will be attended by members of the Society.

The Buglers of the Somerset Light Infantry, Prince Albert's, will sound "Retreat" on the Hong Kong Cricket Ground at 5.30 p.m., by kind permission of Lt. Col. C. H. Little, D.S.O., and there will follow a concert by the Regimental Band from the steps of the Cricket Club Pavilion. This has been arranged by courtesy of the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

The principal function in connection with the celebrations will be an entertainment for the Service at the Lee Theatre, which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Society by the Lee Hysan.

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PRIZE GIVING.

YING WA GIRLS' SCHOOL.
OLD GIRLS ON THE STAFF.

The headmistress of the Ying Wa Girls' School, in her annual report read at the prize giving which was held yesterday mentioned with reference to the staff that in the lower school, in addition to those already in harness, three former pupils (Wong Yuet Lan, Lam Sui Sam, and Wong Lai Wan) came to the Chinese teachers; and in September when three, also former pupils, left for special study (one for a year of study in Yenching University, one for training in Bible teaching in Wuchow, and another for training in nursing in Canton), four others (Woo Lai Yung, Au Yeung Shuk Yuen, Wong Sam Tsing, and Lau Yun To) also "old girls," came to take their places. So that the vacancies on the Chinese staff are continually supplied from our own ranks. It gives me great joy to remember that out of sixteen women teachers on our Chinese staff, no fewer than twelve have been Y.W.G.S. pupils, and are now giving out what they have themselves received and keeping up the traditions of the School.

History of the School.

We are not, like St. Paul's College, the foundations of whose building were actually laid 50 years ago. But our own history goes back 81 years, to the time of Dr. Legge, when the Y.W.G.S. was started by Mrs. Legge in connection with the Ying Wa Boys' College. There was, certainly, a very long break in the record, and no permanent special building for the Y.W.G.S. until 30 years ago. But this year is the thirtieth anniversary of our older building, and therefore of our present school, although our history does go back 81 years farther than that.

The year 1929 brought us nothing marvellous in the way of numbers, but we have grown steadily and number just over 300. The examination results were satisfactory, and the health of the school good.

MRS. CREASY'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Mrs. Creasy, who kindly distributed the prizes, said: I visited the School for the first time yesterday and I was immensely struck by the bright and airy class rooms—the extraordinarily good behaviour of the pupils—and by the very efficient way in which the various teachers conducted their classes.

I noticed too that there were very few vacant seats, which shows how good the attendance is. We have heard from Miss Davies' report that the numbers are increasing another reason for satisfaction and one which goes to prove how badly the new School was needed.

It must be very gratifying to the Headmistress to find old pupils of the Ying Wa returning to the School as teachers.

Another interesting factor is that some of the pupils have worked their way from the kindergarten to the Senior Form. One girl told me she had been at the School for fourteen years—an excellent record when one remembers the Strikes of 1922 and of 1925.

The goodly number of certificates in front of me is a proof of a very good year of School work. I agree thoroughly with Miss Davies that games are most essential for girls as well as boys, though I must confess when I looked up at the playground yesterday and realized how many steps must be climbed before reaching it I was thankful I was not a School girl!

It is a great pleasure to find in addition to their work and play the Ying Wa pupils find time and energy to devote to Social service work. Such work in my opinion requires three attributes—Love, Real love and affection for one's fellow creatures. Sincerity. For if we are not sincere in our desire to help others our efforts prove useless. Then I think we need a sense of humour to carry us through when troubles and difficulties arise in our dealings with others.

Miss Hutchinson and her staff are to be very heartily congratulated in that they have been able to instil these qualities into their pupils so early in life. That this is so is proved by the fact that the poorer girls who attend the Summer Schools return year after year.

It gives me much pleasure to be here to-day and I thank Miss Hutchinson for inviting me to present the certificates.

Estates, Ltd. Mr. W. A. Dowley is organizing the concert, and the programme will be published in the press very shortly. Last year's concert was a great success and this year's will be no less successful. The entertainment will commence at 8.30 p.m. and it is hoped that members of the Society will attend in strong force to act as hosts. Tickets of admission to the Theatre are being sent out to all resident members of the Society.

BOUQUETS AND
BABIES.MISS V. CAPELL'S DANCING
DISPLAY.

IN AID OF LONDON HOSPITAL.

A whole garden full of flowers was handed up onto the stage at the fall of the curtain on the second dancing display given by Miss Violet Capell and her pupils at the Theatre Royal last night. Tiny little children received big baskets full of blossoms, with blushes and feeble screams. The bigger girls were more sedate, though clearly pleased. Rachel Wong did not hide her delight, and she certainly could not hold the many tributes to her charming dancing.

The whole entertainment went splendidly, and the applause from a full house was continuous. The clever finale—the Jazz Ballet—went even better than on the first night, and many expressions of amazement at the perfect drilling of the bigger girls, and of pleasure at the attractive effect of the whole, were heard in the audience. Little George Jowitt scored a distinct success, by turning several somersaults without losing his top, and the audience would not let Miss Capell go until she had given an encore of her tap dance.

I did not mention Oliver Wormack's solo dance in my appreciation of the first performance but certainly the praises of such a grave little comic policeman should not go unsung. The duel between J. Knight and Peggy Stringer called "Buttons and Nippy," also went very well indeed, and the two brightest stars, Stella Ho Lu and Rachel Wong, added to their already glowing honours. Most unfortunately that exquisite little dancer Helen Ho Lu, has overgrown her strength, and was not allowed to give a solo dance this year, though one could not overlook her graceful movements in several of the ensembles. We hope that next year she may once more be strong enough to give us something as lovely as her rendering of Pavlova's "Dying Swan" dance, with which she scored such a success last year.

Miss Capell desires us to express her most grateful thanks to Miss E. Bomedios, the pianist, and Messrs. H. Leung and Gutierrez, the violinists.

This dancing display is given annually and all profits are sent to the London Hospital and local charities. The costumes, which are all designed and made by Miss Capell, have to come out of the takings, and she asks us to say that she would be grateful if each mother would buy one of the dresses which her own child wore, so that a larger sum may be sent to the hospitals.

E.M.B.

CONCERT-DANCE
WELL ATTENDED.PIANO RECITAL BY
MR. HARRY ORE.MISS W. HENDERSON'S
GRACEFUL DANCING
APPLAUDED.

There was a large gathering of music lovers at the Helena May Institute last evening, when Mr. Harry Ore gave a pianoforte recital in which he was assisted by Miss Winifred Henderson (dancing).

Mr. Ore, rendered his five items so uniformly well that it is hard to say which was the best—they all deserved the prolonged applause accorded to them as each item came to an end. His execution of "Pathetic Etude" (Scriabin) was especially delightful, while mention must also be made of "Belshazzar's Feast" (Sibelius).

As regards Miss Henderson's dancing, "The Autumn" and "Love's Joy" were a thing of sheer delight. The latter was excellent and the audience were not satisfied till an encore was given, after which Miss Henderson was presented with two beautiful bouquets. In spite of the very limited space on the stage, Miss Henderson played her part extremely well, and at the conclusion of each dance was very loudly applauded.

The full programme was as under:—

- 1.—32 Variations in C minor. Beethoven.
- 2.—Dance Solo, "The Autumn." Music by Chaminade.
- 3.—Second Sonata. Chopin.
- (a) Grave—Doppio movimento. Scherzo.
- (b) Marche Funèbre.
- (c) Presto.
- 4.—Belshazzar's Feast. Sibelius.
- (a) Oriental Procession.
- (b) Solitude.
- (c) Night Music.
- (d) Khadar's Dance.
- 5.—Pathetic Etude. Scriabin.
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BOOKING for RESERVED SEATS to witness the Semi-Final matches of the Open Championship Singles and Doubles will open at Messrs. MORRIS & CO. on MONDAY, 7TH APRIL. Subject to weather conditions the following dates have been arranged—

TUESDAY, 8th April E. C. & E. F. Fischer v. Winners of 3rd Rd match.
WEDNESDAY, 9th April S. A. Ramjahn v. T. Honda.
THURSDAY, 10th April E. C. Fischer v. Winner of 4th Rd match.
FRIDAY, 11th April C. A. L. Ramjahn & J. A. E. Cassimboy v. S. A. & H. D. Ramjahn.

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HONG KONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB PAVILION on TUESDAY, 15th APRIL, 1936, at 5.30 p.m.

Business: To receive the Report and Statement of Accounts for 1935.

To elect Officers and the General Committee for the ensuing year.
To receive entries for the League (N.B. Owing to the delay in the calling of this meeting, it is necessary that Clubs submit their entries at this meeting).
General.

By Order,
D. S. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

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THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, 125, Vaux Road, Central, Hong Kong), on SATURDAY, the 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 1936, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1935, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1936, until SATURDAY, the 5th APRIL, 1936, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th Mar., 1936. [9185]

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on SUNDAY NEXT APRIL 6th the TRAIN which usually departs from SAUHO SUIT STATION on SUNDAYS at 8.25 p.m. will leave as on Weekdays, at 6.59 p.m.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBER'S ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges, admitting Non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies, are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all Obit., &c.

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Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges (limited to two) for the Free Admission to the Members' Enclosure of Wives, Lady relatives and Friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will Children be permitted in their Enclosure during the Meeting.

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Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,

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Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 3.30 p.m., stated:—

Pressure is high from Korea to the North of Japan and low over Western China. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Coastal fog.

Local Forecast:—E. winds; moderate; generally cloudy.

DEATH.

O'Hov.—The Robert Dollar Co. regrets to announce the death of Mr. K. L. O'Hov, their Comptroller. The Funeral will be held on Friday afternoon, April 4, at which time the Company's Office will be closed. [9259]

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THE WILL TO DO.

In a recent issue we reproduced the correspondence exchanged between the Government of Hong Kong and the Consul-General of Japan relative to the celebration last month of the rebuilding of Tokyo, following the terrible earthquake and fire of 1923. To the average man or woman, deeply engrossed in the routine of business life, this correspondence may not have suggested anything out of the ordinary run of events that daily find expression in the columns of a newspaper, but beyond and beneath the courteous formalities of strictly official correspondence between the accredited representatives of two Governments there is a deeper significance, the implications of which will readily suggest themselves to those who stop to look beneath the surface of things.

To all outward appearance, there was nothing in this correspondence to note beyond the fact that intimation was given to the Government of this Colony that the Empire of Japan was officially celebrating the reconstruction of its capital city, coupled with an expression of thanks for the sympathy and help afforded by the Government and people of Hong Kong to the people of the then stricken Empire, and a suitable acknowledgment by the Colony of the thanks thus tendered. That was all, but behind this formal exterior of polite phrases there lies an inner significance. Who that remembers the cataclysm of 1923 can fail to admire and laud the indomitable spirit of a race of men who, dazed and crushed for a time by the suddenness and immensity of their loss, with its profound derangement of economic affairs affecting the lives of millions of people, yet set their jaws in grim resolve, rolled up their sleeves, and went to work to restore the devastated areas of the Empire? The appalling magnitude of the swift disaster may be imagined from these few figures—60,000 killed in Tokyo Prefecture and 30,000 in the neighbouring province of Kanagawa; 300,000 houses destroyed by fire in Tokyo and 62,000 in Yokohama, with another 175,000 thrown down in complete or partial ruin, and 136,000 more damaged by earthquake shocks. It was, and still is, impossible accurately to estimate the material damage done. Priceless works of art, books, documents, and curios were lost in the fire to the value of millions of yen, but excluding these, it has been officially estimated that the material damage to public and private property amounted to 500 millions sterling!

Although, like Italy, the island Empire of Japan has been fated by instant Nature to be periodically afflicted with cosmic upheavals, which shake the country to its very foundations, she is in some measure compensated by the fact that she has within her domain a

virile race to whom every new calamity is but a fresh spur to determined effort. It is true that other communities, including Hong Kong, did not fail, in Japan's dark hour, to extend the hand of friendship and furnished her with material assistance without stint and without grudge, and what is more, Hong Kong—as Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX, the Colonial Secretary, so happily phrases it, accounted itself proud to have been able to afford some assistance to the people of Japan in the hour of their great need. Such assistance was timely and, without doubt, must have operated indirectly as a not unimportant contributory factor in the rebuilding of one of the world's great capital cities. But in the final analysis, it was sheer grit and hard work that gave back to the people of Japan a new and better Tokyo, healed of the hurts and bruises inflicted by the earthquake and holocaust of that fateful September day in 1923. And so, after nearly six and a half years of resolute labour and the expenditure of a stupendous sum of money, a new capital rises from the ashes of the old. The spectacle arouses an instinctive impulse to salute with respect and admiration the survival of the fittest in the cosmic scheme of things. The people of Japan have fully merited the congratulations of the civilized world not alone upon the fine courage displayed in the face of a calamity of unparalleled magnitude, but also upon the successful completion of the gigantic task of rebuilding one of the great cities of the world.

Within the narrow limit of half a century Japan has contrived to align herself in the very forefront of the Great Powers. She has become a factor to be reckoned with in all the political and economic councils of the world. But what would her army and navy have availed her after the tragedy of 1923 if her people did not had that vital quality in them to survive their disability great as it was? Is it not by dint of exercising this vital force that nations have always risen to greatness? And is not the spectacle of a reconstructed Tokyo a powerful object-lesson to the Government and people of China, whereby they may be encouraged to develop that racial pride and oneness of purpose without which even the abolition of extra-territoriality, so ardently desired and clamoured for, would prove utterly worthless? True friends and well-wishers of the Chinese people, with whose future the progress and prosperity of Hong Kong are indissolubly linked, seeing the chaos and confusion and incessant civil strife that is in China to-day, are moved to say to those in authority—Behold the spectacle of the New Japan—equal to you be truly great, and equal to those nations of the earth with whom you are now claiming complete equality.

News and Views.

Three cases of typhoid and one of small-pox, all Chinese, were reported on Wednesday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Edgar Pope Lee, of 47, Golden Hope Estate, Ran-goon, to Miss Violet Victoria Wilkinson, residing at 25, Praya East, Hong Kong.

In a report made to the Police, it is stated that Mr. Richard Barnett, wireless operator aboard the s.s. Seitan, has been missing from the ship since Monday. The vessel sailed for Amoy on Wednesday and the missing man had not then returned.

Four United States destroyers, the Parrott, Edsall, Simpson and MacLeish, the depot ship Black Hawk and the gunboat Mindanao arrived here yesterday on a brief visit to the Colony. The usual salutes were exchanged, that from the visitors being fired by the Black Hawk.

General Chang Ching, a prominent Fukien general, returned on Tuesday to Canton from Wuchow, where he had conferred with Generals Chen Tai Tong and Chu Shao Liang on important military matters. He left Canton on Wednesday for Swatow to inspect his troops, who are quartered in eastern Kwangtung.

A considerable number of Anglican Archbishops and Bishops from the Dominions and from America, who are going to London for the Lambeth Conference next June, have joined the Church Imperial Club this year. Its central position—at 73, Victoria Street, S.W.1, will be of great benefit to overseas visitors during their stay. Church Laymen, as well as Bishops and Clergy, are eligible as members.

A vernacular paper in Tientsin says that as soon as actual warfare begins, General Yen will go to Peking to direct his troops and a Military Government, consisting of seven departments, will be organized there. If General Chiang resigns and retires they expect to remove the Central Government back to Peking, followed by a change of the name of the two places—Peking for Peking and Nanjing for Nanjing.

The Robert Dollar Co. regrets to announce the death of Mr. K. L. O'Hov, their Comptroller. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon, April 4, at which time the Company's Office will be closed.

Americans smoked 119,038,847,560 cigarettes, last year, 13,000,000,000 more than in 1935. This was more than 1,000 for every man, woman and child in the country. The spread of smoking among women is largely accountable for the increase, official declare.

When "In Old Arizona" came to the talking screen, it served, aside from being credited a masterly contribution to sound, a means of bringing to the world a hitherto unknown screen player, Solidad Jimenez. She is of Castilian birth, and had been a stage player in her native country. The first showing of the picture was followed by repeated inquiries for information about her. It was Raoul Walsh who lifted her from obscurity. His faith in her ability is proved by his insistence that she appear in the Fox Movietone picture, "The Cock-Eyed World," which is promised for next week by the Queen's Theatre. Victoria, McLaglen, Edmond Lowe, and Lily Damita are also featured in this Stallings-An-derson story.

Pianist's "Nerves."

Sir Thomas Beecham's habit of conducting from the memory led to an extraordinary incident at the Royal Philharmonic concert at the Queen's Hall, London, last month. Alfred Cortot, who seemed in doubt as to a Debussy prelude, appeared so nervous at Sir Thomas' assurance during the Beethoven G major concerto that he suddenly stopped playing at the piano. There was a whispered conversation with the conductor, a whispered colloquy with the orchestra, and Cortot began playing again. The orchestra picked up the cue with admirable presence of mind. It was a tour de force. Sir Thomas Beecham was much happier than D minor Dvorak Symphony, which he conducted, in vivacious and eloquent style. The audience was both large and enthusiastic.

The King's Yacht.

The King's racing cutter Britannia is to be put into commission again this year. This means that the state of the King's health continues to improve, he will take his usual yachting holiday during the week at Cowes at the beginning of August. Britannia, which has been lying up at Cowes, will sail in the trials with Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht, Shamrock, with which Sir Thomas will attempt later to regain the American Cup for Great Britain. It is not yet decided at what date the trials will be made, and there is no likelihood at present of the King being on board during them. Captain Turner, of Britannia, travelled to London from Cowes last month, and had a long audience with the King. Sir Philip Hunkle, the King's sailing master, also talked with the King.

Tennis Elbow.

A discussion of "tennis elbow" has been enlivening one of the medical journals, and, as usual, the experts disagree about what "tennis elbow" really is, and, consequently, about what its proper treatment should be. The disagreement appears to depend upon the particular branch of medicine to which the writers belong. As a matter of fact there are several painful conditions of the elbow to which tennis players are liable, though the layman applies to them all the same label. One significant point emerges from this discussion which might well be taken to heart by all tennis players. Whether the treatment recommended be manipulation, surgical or medical, the ultimate cure is rest and heat, and these two combined constitute the "cure" in the great majority of cases. But once muscles or capsules of joints have been injured it is doubtful whether they will ever again be equal to the severe conditions which caused their disablement.

Golf From an Aeroplane.

Captain C. A. R. Pennington, commandant of the National Flying Services, aerodrome at Reading, flying a Moth aeroplane, beat A. J. Young, the Sonning golf professional, in a curious 18-hole match on the Sonning course last month. The match was for £25 a side, and the conditions were that Captain Pennington should take up with him 50 golf balls, each ball wrapped in white cloth to ensure that it should not bounce off the green once it had struck the ground, that he could fly as high or as low as he wished, and that it should be counted as a "hole-out" if a ball pitched anywhere on the green. The airman went over the course before Young started his round, and he completed his "round" in a little under 40 minutes, having found most of the greens with his first shot. His total for the course was 29 "holes." Young was out in 35 and home in 33—nine strokes under bogey. One of the balls dropped on the carriage of a London express train and shot off into a hedge.

Cross Words.

If those of our readers who derive amusement from solving the crossword puzzles published daily in our columns have been more than usually exasperated recently, we tender apologies. By an unlucky mischance, a wrong set of clues was attached to a puzzle and, of course, it was very soon evident that "nothing would come right." The matter has been now satisfactorily adjusted—we hope—and readers so inclined may resume their meditations without being provoked to use unnecessarily cross words as a result of a compositor's carelessness.

"Journey's End."

At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, next Friday, one of the most successful of modern plays will be presented by Mr. R. B. Salisbury's Company. "Journey's End" is a powerful drama dealing with the war, and has met with tremendous success all over the world. Mr. Wingrove, the advance representative of the Salisbury Company, informs us that crowded houses have seen the play in India and the Straits Settlements, and no doubt it will be equally popular in this Colony. Booking opens at Moutrie's and at the Star Theatre to-day, and the play will be presented for about five nights. One page to-day we reproduce an article by Mr. R. C. Sheriff in which he explains why he wrote the play.

Rhine Soldiers.

Attempts have been made, especially by German Nationalists, to create ill-feeling against the English by spreading reports that 15,000 illegitimate children of fathers who were with the British Forces of Occupation, had been left unprotected for in Germany. The German authorities took the matter up and ascertained that in Cologne, where strict records are kept, there are not as many as a thousand such children left behind by British soldiers. All unmarried mothers of these children who are in need are being taken care of, however, by the German Public Welfare Society, by British relief associations and by the British Consulate. How many children have been abandoned by the departed military forces in other German towns has not yet been ascertained. The German authorities announce further that a considerable proportion of the German women who married men of the British Army have preferred to remain in Germany as they feared to start house-keeping in England. Some who accompanied their English husbands home are happy there; those whose husbands are unable to support them have returned to Cologne. The English Relief Association and the British Consul are doing their utmost also for these wives who are now British subjects.

Lloyd George's Anniversary.

David Lloyd George, Father of the House of Commons, will be to-day the recipient of hundreds of verbal and written congratulations on reaching the fortieth anniversary of his first sitting in Parliament. The "Welsh Wizard" was first elected to the House of Commons when he won the seat for Carnarvon in April 1890, and he has retained this seat for the Liberal Party ever since. His strategy and great courage throughout these forty years have made him successful as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Minister of Munitions, Secretary for War, and Premier. Following the death of "Tay" Eay, O'Connor, in November last year, Lloyd George, with nearly forty years of uninterrupted Parliamentary service to his credit, became the Father of the House of Commons. Thousands of enthusiastic members of his constituency will attend the celebrations at the Carnarvon Eisteddfod Pavilion to-day, when a memento will be presented to the wartime Premier who—some think—will eventually return to 10, Downing Street, despite his sixty-seven years.

Looking Back 25 Years.

"More Kowloon Requirements."—Sir, Your correspondent "A Would-be Kowloonite" seems to think that a club is badly wanted in the Peninsula. To my mind, in addition to a club, we should have a sort of decent tea-house with garden, like those of the Happy Valley, Hong Kong, where one can enjoy after a hearty stroll some creature comforts and a little rest. It is silly and inconvenient, not to say expensive, to go over to Victoria every time when we feel inclined to take a little outdoor exercise, and do not care to carry along the provisions-basket and camp-chairs with us. Such a convenience as, I above suggested will prove, no doubt, a boon not only to the Kowloon residents, but also to the Hong Kongites, whose business or pleasure may demand their presence on this side of the harbour. It is to be hoped that some enterprising people will turn my hint to account—Yours, etc., Mrs. T. P. Saunders.—Hong Kong Daily Press, April 4, 1936.

Looking Back 50 Years.

"Notice.—I have this day established myself as a merchant and commission agent.—HARRY WICKES.—Hong Kong Daily Press, April 5, 1936.

THE RUSSIAN ATTITUDE TO RELIGION.

PERSECUTION AND PROPAGANDA.

RENEWED DISCUSSION IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 2. In the House of Lords to-day the Archbishop of Canterbury drew attention to the oppression of religion in Russia, and said that he had done his best independently to ascertain the facts. He was confident that he would be able to prove that an elaborate system of persistent oppression of religion was being continued in Russia. He had received reports of the sentencing last year of 71 persons to be shot and 112 to be imprisoned from two years to a decade.

The Archbishop repudiated the idea that criticism of the Soviet Government implied a threat of war, and suggested that the British Government should bring the following points to the notice of the Russian representative in Great Britain:

- (1.) Equality of civil rights for religious servants and other citizens.
- (2.) Opportunity for workmen to observe Sundays and holidays in the five-day week.
- (3.) To allow the printing and circulating of books of religious instruction.
- (4.) The removal of restrictions on the group teaching of children.
- (5.) The release of religious servants languishing in prison in the Arctic zone.
- (6.) The cessation of the general closing of churches.

Support of Religious Liberty.

Lord Parmoor, replying, said that he could not accept the whole of the picture painted by the Archbishop. The accuracy as regards what was proceeding in Russia was beyond the scope of any Government to ascertain. He did not doubt that there had been a terrible amount of religious persecution last year, but there was now an improvement. They would use all their influence in support of religious liberty, but did not intend, unless conditions attached to the recognition of the Soviet were infringed, severing diplomatic relations, or weakening the opportunity thereby afforded of influencing religious conditions in Russia—conditions now less terrible than at any time in the past decade. Education was a purely internal concern; no outside Government could rightly act without it.

Firstly, overwhelming proof of wrongs so grave that it became a concern of the whole of the civilised world.

Secondly, there must be certainty that intervention would not increase the evil. If friendly relations were maintained there was a growing chance of influencing the Soviet Government. He promised that the Archbishop of Canterbury's points should be carefully considered by the Foreign Office, but he declined to publish the communications received from the British Ambassador in Moscow.

Lord Posenby's Reply.

Lord Posenby, replying to Lords Brentford, Buckmaster and Newton, did not question the accuracy of the Prime Minister's statement, but, if the question was to be kept outside politics on the high plane of pure religion the House of Lords was the wrong place in which to discuss it. The overwhelming proof demanded by Lord Parmoor was evidence of what the newspapers used to call "butchery." There was no proof of that. He doubted whether the debate could do anything but harm; it would be hotly resented by Russians indulging in the damnable, intolerant, religious persecution, but "we must give up any attempt to understand the Soviet system of character."

The Debate then ended.

The need for a sane outlook. In view of this renewed discussion in Parliament of a matter which concerns the domestic affairs of a foreign country, those of our readers who are interested in this controversy will find the following article from the *Manchester Guardian* most informative reading.

"There are several reasons why many persons who believe in religious and political toleration and cannot be suspected of holding revolutionary views find it difficult without serious misgiving to approve of the present movement of protest against what is described as the Soviet persecution of religion. The chief of these reasons is the knowledge that some of the most active in stimulating this movement are men who have been active in political hostility to the present Government of Russia and men who have expressed their dislike of the resumption of diplomatic relations between the Bolshevik revolution and our own. The Bolshevik revolution has lasted for a dozen years. Why is it only now that the churches are moved to something like unanimity of protest? There is no evidence that the Bolsheviks are doing more now to discourage religion in Russia than they have done in the past, and it is difficult not to suspect that persons whose interests are more political than religious have set

themselves to make use of the Church. Why should this unanimity of protest be found now, when, so far as we have been able to discover, the acts against which it is directed are neither more frequent nor more shocking than they were some years ago? The Russian newspapers, which show no regret at the existence of such a movement of protest, but give publicity to it, believe that it is stimulated by the resumption of Russia's relations with England, wish to bring about a rupture of her relations with France. It is impossible not to observe that prominent anti-Bolshevik Russians and their friends in both the British and French Press have been more active than usual. Allied intervention in Russia ought to have taught us once for all to be at least as mistrustful of White Russian propaganda as of Red.

Disputed Charges.

Some of the statements made by those who are leading the movement of protest seem to provoke contradictions of a disquieting kind. For example, a dignitary of the English Church referred to statements in certain numbers of the *Russian Pravda*. We have no means of knowing if he is a Russian scholar, but it was decidedly disturbing to read a letter a day or two later from a correspondent who had read these numbers of the Russian newspaper denying that the statements appeared in them and stating that he was prepared to meet the Churchman and to go through the newspapers with him. Then, in a letter jointly signed by a bishop and by a man who took an active part in this country in agitating in favour of armed intervention in Russia, we read that 'the Communist Government has without any reservations, declared its intention to stamp out all religion.' A few days later there comes an official statement from Russia pointing out that tens of thousands of churches are functioning in Russia (a fact confirmed by our own correspondents) and insisting that religion is fought in Russia by propaganda and not by the methods of the Inquisition. Most disquieting of all is the admission that atrocities, which are 'not recent atrocities' some of the atrocities described are curious like those which occur in Russian historical romances dealing with the early Christian century. It is extremely difficult not to suspect that we are once more being subjected to 'propaganda' of the type that was too common during the war, and that, sincere as the movement of protest may be, it is being used, like many other genuine religious movements before it, to further political ends of which it is largely unconscious.

What is Persecution?

"We are then led to ask ourselves what exactly do we mean by religious persecution. Frendling last Sunday in Peterborough Cathedral, Canon A. F. Maskew said that he imagined the average Englishman would continue to hold a candle to the devil, as we have done when we obliged our own Sovereign to receive an ambassador from the enemies of God. Now, supposing the law of our land prohibited priests from using the pulpit for political purposes, and supposing that under that law Canon Maskew were laid by the heels, would his imprisonment be properly described as religious persecution? In Russia the Church has been disestablished and, by robbery and other means of the kind employed in England and elsewhere during the wars of religion, has been reduced to the beggary which has not always been held to be a handicap to religion. It is little wonder that a great number of Russian priests are moved by pretty strong resentment against the Government which has made them dependent for a livelihood on the alms of their congregations. It is not surprising that some of them have tried to make themselves for that Government, conscious though they must have been of the risks they were running. We may admire their courage, but we need not on that account persuade ourselves that their persecution had other than political motives. Our protest should be one against methods of political oppression, precisely as it would be if the persons oppressed were engineers. The seizure of church property is not religious persecution. No more is the melting down of church bells, regrettable though these things may be. We have only to remember Mr. John Bunyan's views of bell-ringing to perceive that bells and religion are not identical.

Christianity and Communism.

"But there is a real struggle against religion going on in Russia to-day. The Communists admittedly believe that trust in a heretofore where all wrongs will be righted tends to lessen a man's anxiety to set things right here and now. For that reason they are unable to believe that (Continued at foot of next column).

NAVAL CONFERENCE

PLENARY SESSION POSTPONED.

JAPAN ACCEPTS PROPOSALS UNTIL 1936.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 2. A Naval Conference communique announced at a meeting of the heads of the delegations that the Japanese Government's reply to the British, American and Japanese compromise proposals had been received. He stated that the Government, being desirous of fully co-operating in promoting the success of the Conference, recommended the acceptance of the proposals with certain reservations, which still have to be discussed in detail.

The Chairman, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, stated that he and Mr. Stimson had already had the opportunity of expressing the deepest appreciation of the spirit and substance of the reply.

The plenary session, fixed for April 4, has been postponed *vide* die owing to the progress of certain (Anglo-French) conversations which it is undesirable to interrupt at this stage and which might be affected by a public statement concerning them. The communique says that it is impossible to say whether the Conference will finish before Easter.

American Optimism.

LONDON, April 2. A particularly optimistic tone was found in the American delegation circles to-night. Mr. Stimson told American correspondents that 'the situation has much improved since last week. I am much more optimistic of a Five-Power agreement than I was then.'

Re-consideration in 1936.

LONDON, April 2. The Japanese Naval delegation has issued a statement confirming Japan's virtual acceptance of the British and American proposals regarding the ratios as between America and Japan.

The statement contains an important reservation, namely, the assumption that the treaty to be concluded will remain in force until the end of 1936. After that Japan will be in a position to require an entire reconsideration of the whole problem.

IRISH POLITICS.

MR. W. T. COSGRAVE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 2. Mr. William T. Cosgrave has been re-elected President of the Irish Executive Council after the defeat of De Valera by 63 votes to 54, and O'Connell (Labour) by 73 votes to 13.

LATER.

President Cosgrave was re-elected by 80 votes to 65. [The Irish Free State Government resigned following the Dail passing the second reading, by 63 votes to 64, of the Opposition (De Valera) party's Bill to extend the operations of the Old Age Pensions Act, which the Government resisted on the ground that it would involve an additional cost of a quarter of a million sterling annually.]

METROPOLITAN POLICE SCANDAL.

SEVERAL OFFICERS SUSPENDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 2. A sensation has been caused in Metropolitan Police circles according to the *Daily Chronicle*, by another police scandal being unearthed involving uniformed officers engaged in special duties. Several of them have been suspended.

A good Christian can be a good Communist. For the same reason they do their utmost to prevent potential Communists from becoming Christians. Russia is the only country where Nationalist societies have the best wishes of the Government. Their methods of parody, caricature, and public mockery are shocking to those who believe that reverence is due towards any sincere faith. But no genuinely religious man can be afraid of them. What he has to fear is the creation of more excuses for the Russian Government to identify religion with active counter-revolution. It has only too often been given such excuses, and there is grave danger lest the alliance in protest between the churches and those who are anxious if not for intervention at least for another diplomatic rupture shall produce precisely that reaction to it in Russia which Christians in this country would most deplore.

AMERICA'S CENSUS.

ELABORATE QUESTIONNAIRE.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO UNEMPLOYED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 3. An army of 31,000 officials is conducting the census, which is intended to be the most complete tabulation of American citizens and their economic conditions ever accomplished.

A long questionnaire will deal not only with the size of the population but will include the amount of unemployment, illiteracy, number of house-owners and numerous other queries, which it is expected will give important data on the farm problem.

Special stress is laid on unemployment, and workers are asked how many weeks they have been at their present jobs; how many days they worked last week; how many weeks they were unemployed; are they able to work; and are they seeking a job?

The inclusion of such questions is specially interesting in view of Mr. Green's assertion that nearly 4,000,000 were unemployed last February.

A census of the population of the United States has been started. This is the first since 1920 when the population was 106,710,000. The increase since that time is estimated at 17,000,000. A long questionnaire is expected to collate more statistical information than ever before.

THE NEW PLANET.

DOUBTS OF ITS EXISTENCE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 2. The new planet which was recently discovered by the Lowell Observatory in Arizona was the subject of a debate in the Senate to-day. The debate was especially in relation to the reports from Europe and elsewhere reflecting doubts of such a planet's existence.

Professor MacMillan, the astronomer of Chicago University, said: 'About all we can say at present is that something is there.'

A resolution was moved that the new planet be named Icarus. Officials of the Lowell Observatory have issued a statement which shows that the planet's course has been followed closely and its motion is continuously along the trans-Neptunian path.

AMERICAN PATROL BOATS BUSY.

ANOTHER BRITISH SCHOONER SEIZED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Boston, April 2. Another British schooner, the *Aramay*, was seized off the coast of Maine by a patrol boat and towed to Boston. Eight hundred cases of liquor were found on board. The crew has been arraigned at the Federal Court on charges of conspiracy and smuggling.

New York, April 2. The schooner *Adam* which was chased to sea before she surrendered, was sighted in the darkness off Sandy Hook. She immediately put to sea and was pursued by a patrol boat, ignoring the latter's warning of blank shots, but shells across her bows brought her to. Five thousand cases of liquor were found aboard. The spirits were contained in tins labeled olive oil, preserved fruits, etc. The authorities demanded bail of \$5,000 from the skipper and \$1,500 from each of the crew.

"ALIEN" SMUGGLING BY PLANE.

ENDURANCE FLIER ARRESTED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 2. The aeroplane which was presented to Messrs. Mendell and Rinkhart after their re-telling endurance flight last year has been confiscated, and Mendell, who was in the plane, held in custody by the Mexican Customs officials on a charge of conspiring to smuggle Japanese into the country by means of an aeroplane.

PRINCE OF WALES.

SHOOTING TOUR TO END SOON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rosby, April 2. It is officially announced at Cairo that the Prince of Wales will arrive there from Sudan by air on the 17th inst. and will embark on a P. & O. liner at Port Said on the 20th.

DISASTER AVERTED.

AMMUNITION FACTORY FIRE.

GOOD WORK BY SOLDIERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Poona, April 3. A terrible disaster in the Kirku Arsenal area was narrowly averted when a fire, which broke out in the main magazine section of the ammunition factory, was controlled after two hours of hard work by the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Ulster Rifles of the Indian Army Ordnance Corps.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. It is rumoured that an attempt was made to blow up the Arsenal.

An official enquiry is being held.

EXILES TO RETURN.

BATAVIA, April 3. On the ground that there are no longer any political objections to their returning home, the Government has decided to permit the nine native Communists exiled from New Guinea, after the labour troubles in November 1925, to re-enter the country.

GANDHI AND SALT LAWS.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TO START ON APRIL 6.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Bombay, April 3. Through his newspaper *Young India*, Gandhi authorises the starting of Civil Disobedience against the Salt Laws on April 6.

MALAVIYA RESIGNS FROM ASSEMBLY.

SEQUEL TO IMPERIAL PREFERENCE TARIFF BILL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, April 3. The nine Nationalists who are resigning their seats in the Assembly following the passage of the Imperial Preference Provision Tariff Bill include Pandit Malaviya, who, in a long letter, says it is interrupting a quarter of a century of his participation in constitutional activities owing to his conviction that the Government is not prepared to work even the present reforms in a true spirit.

INDIAN BOYCOTT OF FOREIGN CLOTH.

TO START IMMEDIATELY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Bombay, April 2. The Bombay Coloured Printed Piecegoods Merchants' Association has passed a resolution that in view of the present political situation in the country none of the members of the Association shall order, buy or sell any type of foreign cloth for three months.

The Managing Committee was authorised to take action against any member of the Association who contravenes the resolution. It is to come into operation immediately.

AERIAL SPEED RECORDS.

NO BRITISH ATTEMPTS AT PRESENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rosby, April 2. In the House of Commons, the Under Secretary for Air, Mr. Montague, stated, in reply to a question, that no further attempts on the world's speed record were at present contemplated.

High speed aircraft were being used for research purposes.

GERMAN POLITICS.

SOCIALIST MOTION DEFEATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, April 3. To-day the Reichstag rejected the Socialist motion of non-confidence in Herr Brüning's Ministry.

FRENCH OIL SCANDAL.

SEVERAL DEPUTIES INVOLVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris, April 2. Startling rumours are afloat in political circles following the admission by the Premier, M. Tardieu, to journalists that the Public Prosecutor will exhaustively investigate a big oil scandal, which, it is reported, involves several prominent deputies.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW TAXES.

LUXURY IMPORTS CURTAILED.

50 PER CENT. ON CLOTHING AND SPIRITS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, April 3. The Prime Minister, Mr. Scullin, announces drastic measures to curtail luxury imports, some of which are prohibited, while others are rationed. A 50 per cent. super-tax is imposed on others, including beer, spirits, matches, textile, piece-goods, felt, furs, and clothing containing cotton, silk, artificial silk, or a mixture of wool and other fibres.

An Emergency Measure.

Mr. Scullin has described his action as an 'emergency measure' to reduce imports, which total ten millions annually.

JAPANESE FERRY DISASTER.

FORTY BODIES STILL MISSING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, April 3. Among the victims in the Wakato Maru disaster were two Russians, while two Siberian girl dancers are reported to be among the missing. Fifty-five bodies have been so far recovered, forty-one are reported to be still missing.

REDS IN KWANGTUNG.

RABBLE NUMBERING 2,000 CAPTURED NAMHUNG.

According to a Canton report, the Reds under Chu Tak and Mo Chak Tung are again haunting Northern Kwangtung. It is reliably reported that they have captured Namhung, at the extreme border of Northern Kwangtung.

The Red rabble, numbering more than 2,000, moved from Southern Kwangtung to attack Kwangtung and arrived at the Northern border of the Province on the 1st inst. Their vanguard arrived at Namhung on that day to attack the city, but they soon retired in view of the large body of garrison troops. Their main body arrived the next day and attacked the city, which fell into their hands after some brisk fighting. The Reds are now threatening to attack Chingling to the South of Namhung.

Much anxiety is felt by the Canton Government, which has received telegrams from the magistrates of these two districts to the above effect. 'Telegraphic communication between Namhung and Canton has been suspended.'

The Canton authorities are rushing troops against the Red invaders.

PINGLO SWEEP BY FIRE.

200 BUILDINGS RAZED; HUNDRED HOMELESS.

It is reported from Wuchow that a very destructive fire swept the city of Pinglo last week when more than two hundred shops and residential houses were reduced to ashes. The outbreak originated in the Sai Kwan Theatre (which had suspended business) at 3.30 p.m. and the flames spread with appalling rapidity. The fire brigades soon arrived but little could be done, as the fire engines were rather primitive. The blaze was not put out until eight o'clock in the evening. Two hundred buildings were destroyed and 30 people lost their lives. Many have been rendered homeless. The loss to property is estimated at \$300,000.

The fire was the worst ever experienced in the city, which is now in a state of ruin. The General Chamber of Commerce and other organisations have wired other cities asking for relief for the victims.

WRECKED BY HURRICANE.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE WHEN SUN HOI SHAN SINKS.

According to the vernacular Press, there was a heavy loss of life when the steam-launch Sun Hoi Shan capsized while on her voyage from Topyhan to Suncheong.

The vessel was always well patronized and was therefore often overloaded. This time, she carried as many as 80 or more passengers. It was just at noon that a hurricane squall made its presence felt. At the height of the storm, the passengers hastily made for shelter and there was great confusion. The vessel listed to port and went down gradually. There were loud cries of 'Save life! O Goddess of Mercy!' from the women passengers and screams from the children.

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YEN PROGRESSES.

ROLLING-STOCK COMMANDEERED.

NATIONALIST TROOPS EVACUATE TSINANFU.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 3. According to plans, which are believed to have been largely influenced by German military advisers, the National Government forces are preparing to evacuate Tsinanfu, falling back to strong prepared positions with a centre at Yenchowfu.

It is officially reported that four locomotives and forty-three cars have been commandeered in Chihli province by the Shansi troops including eighteen cars from the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, eleven from the Peking-Hankow Railway and the remainder from other lines. The majority of them are being detained in Tientsin.

The ordinary traffic of the Northern section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has been suspended owing to heavy transportation of rebel troops.

Yen's Army Advances.

The Kuo Min News Agency reports that martial law has been declared at Tsinanfu.

All Shantung troops North of the Yellow River have been withdrawn to the South bank.

The Shansi troops have reached Wucheng, while Honanese and Shansi forces are reported to have occupied Tsaochow.

The families of General Han Fu Chu's leading officers passed through Hsuehchow for Nanking.

YEN'S GUARANTEE TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS.

Representatives of Marshal Yen Hsi Shan, called at the various Legations this morning and informed them that Yen Hsi Shan had assumed the post of Commander-in-Chief of the forces and had declared a punitive expedition against Chiang Kai Shek.

Yen has guaranteed full protection to foreign life and property and urged the Powers to refrain from giving moral or material support to 'one who has undermined the unification of China and brow-beaten the masses' which would prolong the chaotic conditions.

NANKING, April 3. Chiang Kai Shek arrived here this evening.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL IN SHANGHAI.

No. 29 NANKING ROAD SOLD FOR TLS. 600,000.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 3. Considerable activities of real estate deals in Shanghai have recently been evidenced.

The latest sale being the premises of the Chinese-American Bank of Commerce, which is in liquidation, No. 29 Nanking Road, to the Asia Realty Company for Tls. 600,000.

The building may be used to house the American Oriental Bank and Raven Trust.

BANDITS' RAID SEQUEL.

RANSOM OF \$20,000 DEMANDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 3. The China Inland Mission at Yanshow has received a letter from Mr. R. W. Porteous, who was recently captured by brigands, stating that his captors demand a ransom of \$20,000 for his release. The prisoner's letter came with a Chinese messenger.

The exact whereabouts of Mr. Porteous is unknown, but it is believed somewhere not far from Yanshow.

Two junks happened to pass by and rendered relief. Through the brave efforts of the crew, more than 50 passengers were rescued. Thirty passengers are believed to have been drowned. Twelve lifeless bodies were subsequently picked up, most of them women and children.

THE BUILDING OF
ST. PETER'S.WORK WHICH STRETCHED
OVER A CENTURY.

LAST NIGHT'S LECTURE.

In the course of an interesting lecture at the University on architecture at the period of the Italian Renaissance (1400-1600), Mr. C. E. Moore yesterday gave an illuminating account of the great architectural triumph known nowadays as the Cathedral of St. Peter's in Rome.

The lecturer stated that it was the ambition of Julius II. to build the finest cathedral in the world to shelter his own tomb. The present Cathedral of St. Peter's had its origin in that intention but the shrine of Julius II. was placed in an insignificant church elsewhere.

St. Peter's was the work of many great architects and it was built under the direction of many Popes. The work was commenced in 1506 and was not finished until 1629. Among the many famous architects who were engaged in the building of the Cathedral were Bramante, Raphael, Bernini and Michelangelo. These great men, besides being architects, as everybody knew, were supreme in the world of painting and sculpture. All architects of those days had to learn these arts.

The lecturer went on to say that the Italian Renaissance was the architecture of palaces and dwellings and it was the start of a revival of architecture in the then civilised world.

In the seventeenth century, said Mr. Moore, the Italian Renaissance spread to France, after which it found its way to England, where they had men like Sir Christopher Wren, the famous architect of St. Paul's, Robert Adam and Inigo Jones, who acquired direct education in Rome from the Renaissance.

The lecturer said that in the period of which he was speaking, the predominance of religion spread into Italy, and many scholars found their way into the country. The building of churches was an incentive and stimulant to the architects in the early days of the Renaissance. The period was marked by a freedom of design in architecture and could well be called the architecture of the logic of good taste. The Greek architecture was the logic of temples and the Gothic architecture the logic of the vault. The Italian Renaissance in architecture started in Florence and went to Rome, where it reached its zenith. It declined in 1650.

"APPALLING" BIGAMY.

WOMAN WHO HAD THREE
HUSBANDS.

A Chatham woman, Margaret Stephen, aged 25, who contracted two bigamous marriages, was sentenced to five months' hard labour by Mr. Justice Rowlatt at Kent Assizes, Maidstone, recently.

Mr. L. Fletcher, who prosecuted, said that Stephen was married in 1924 in Edinburgh, and had two children. In 1927 she left her husband, came south, and went through a marriage ceremony with a sailor named James Rodger Cunningham at Chatham, in May, 1928. In August of the same year she met another man named Griffith Hughes, a stoker in the Navy, and in February, 1929, she went through a bigamous marriage with him at Alverstoke, Southampton. There were no children of the bigamous marriages.

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Rowlatt said, "I don't know whether you understand it, but you cannot go about the country marrying first one man and then another until you find the man you like. It is appalling. People do not seem to understand the elements of marriage."

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Money and Markets

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HAVE GOOD YEAR.RESULTS SHOW PLEASING
CHANGE FROM 1928.

The 23rd ordinary annual meeting of Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at St. George's Building, at noon. The Chairman, Mr. S. C. Bank, in the course of his speech, remarked that although the profit for the year might be considered small, it was pleasing to note that after deducting the loss incurred in 1928, there remained a net profit of \$4,000.79, which the directors proposed to carry forward to 1930. He said the results were a pleasing change from those of 1928.

Supporting the Chairman were Mr. Kenneth Chan and Mr. Leung Yan Po (Directors). Shareholders present were Mr. Chow Tung Sang, Mr. S. Yamanchi, Mr. Pang Kok Sui, Mr. D. Ramjahn and Mr. C. Bond (Secretary).

The Chairman's address was as follows:—The report and statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1929, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take them as read. The profit for the year under review is \$7,176.51, against which has to be deducted the debit balance of \$3,025.72 brought forward from profit and loss account as at December 31, 1928, leaving a net profit of \$4,000.79, which your Directors propose to carry forward to 1930. Although our profit for the year may be considered small, I think you will agree with me the results are a pleasing change from last year. For the past few years we have been looking forward for brighter prospects, but I regret to state so far our hopes have not been realized, owing to the adverse circumstances we have had to contend with. We trust that when business once again resumes normal conditions we shall have far better results to place before you.

The report and accounts were carried unanimously after they had been seconded by Mr. Pang Kok Sui, who said:—Speaking on behalf of the shareholders of the Company, I congratulate our Directors on being able to place before us a report more favourable than that of the previous year in spite of the adverse trading conditions throughout the whole of last year, coupled with the depreciation in the value of the Hong Kong dollar. I can only hope that better times will soon come to enable our Directors to place before us at the next annual meeting a report which will be distinctly better than that of the present one.

On the proposal of Mr. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. D. Ramjahn, Mr. Leung Yan Po was re-elected to the Board of Directors, which also include Mr. Kenneth Chan and Mr. S. C. Bank.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	RUSSIA, April 2.
Paris	124.29
New York	4.59 17/32
Brussels	34.805
Geneva	23.925
Amsterdam	21.115
Milan	92.50
Berlin	20.33
Stockholm	18.09
Copenhagen	18.17

(Continued on next column.)

CANTON TRADE
NOTES.

Almond kernels, of which the Chinese people are very fond, are sold at as high as \$115 per picul, due to very limited supplies. They are imported from North China.

Prices of brass, copper and bronze have risen by twenty per cent. as compared two months ago, owing to the exchange. These metals are chiefly imported from Japan.

Some 233,768 ounces of silver in the form of bullion, more than 118,000 dollar pieces and 90,000 20-cent Kwangtung silver coins were imported into the city during March.

Honey is consumed in large quantities in the city and is imported from the West and North River districts. Recently, arrivals have been short, and prices have risen from \$27.50 to \$33 per picul.

The cotton yarn market has again become inactive, there being practically no demand. In spite of the rise in purchase prices, the quotations remain low. According to a Shanghai telegram, the quotations have risen by two dollars there.

As the military situation on the Kwei River has become much quieter, Wuchow merchants have decided to send the over-stocked cargoes to Kweilin and districts along the River. More than seventy junks have been prepared in Wuchow for the transportation of the cargoes.

There has been but very limited demand for foreign piece goods, consequent on the Government's order that all Governmental employees must wear Chinese dress materials as from the 1st inst. The higher price of foreign goods caused by the exchange is another contributory factor in the decline of the foreign piece goods market.

These have been a rapid decline of Chinese fire insurance companies in recent years owing to lack of confidence on the part of their compatriots and restrictions by the Government. Formerly, there were more than thirty companies in the city, but at present, only one-third of this number are carrying on. On the contrary, foreign insurance merchants are doing well.

Salt manufacturers and merchants are doing rather badly on account of the heavy levies by the Government and the activities of smugglers. Salt is one of the largest industries of Kwangtung and is chiefly produced at Swatow, Hoiikung, Hainan Island, Koli and Yamlin districts. Until recent years, salt merchants made very good profits. They have dispatched a delegate to ask the Government to reduce the tax rate.

Oslo	18.17
Vienna	34.25
Prague	164
Helsingfors	1932
Madrid	38.85
Lisbon	108.30
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	5 25/32
Buenos Aires	431
Bombay	1/6 27/32
Shanghai	1/11
Hong Kong	1/8
Yokohama	2/0 13/32
Silver (spot)	191
Silver (forward)	19 5/16

AMERICAN STOCK QUOTATIONS.

LATEST WALL STREET PRICES.

The following quotations have been received from their correspondents, Messrs. Hayden, Stone & Co., of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz, Sassoon House, Shanghai, (cable address: "Swanstock," Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable mutilations:—

New York, April 2, 1930.

Tone of Market—Irregular.	Last	Latest
No. of Shares done—3,500,000.	Dividend.	Sales.
Call Money—4 per cent.		
American Smelting	4	78
Anacosta Copper	7	79
Baltimore and Ohio	7	120
Chrysler Motors	3	38
City Service Common	20c. A	42
Curtis Wright Common	None	14
Eastman Kodak	8B	233
Electric Bond and Share	8Q	110
General Motors	8	49
General Ry. Signal	8	102
Gold Dust	5	42
Goodyear Tire and Rubber	8	58
Granby Consolidated	8	74
International Cement	4	40
Montgomery Ward	3	30
Nevada Consolidated	None	57
Radio	21D	87
Sears Roebuck & Co.	3E	49
Simmons Co.	1.60	36
Standard Oil Co. of New York	2.80	103
Union Carbide and Carbon	7	184
United States Steel		

A=Plus stock extras.
B=Includes stock extras.
C=Payable in stock.
D=Plus 4% in stock.
E=Plus 6% in stock.

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.				SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION.			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Volume	THURSDAY, APRIL 3.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
				Banks			
				H.K. Banks	\$1,300		\$1,400
				Do. (London)			\$183
				Chartered Banks			\$23
				Mercantile Bks. "A"			\$15
				Do. "C"			
				Bank of East Asia	\$107		
				Insurance			
				Canton Ins.	\$810		
				Underwriters	\$1.45		
				North China	\$4.35		
				Union Ins.			\$80
				Yangtze Ins.			
				China Fire	\$545		
				H.K. Fire	\$800		
				Shipping			
				Douglases	\$22		\$23
				Steamboats			\$20
				Indos (pref.)			\$90
				Do. (def.)			
				Shell Transport	95/		
				Water-boat			\$25
				Mining			
				Benquets			\$4/
				Kailans			
				Langkats (comb.)	T.14		
				Do. (single)			T.9
				Explorations			T.11
				Shanghai Loans	\$20		
				Laube			
				Trench Mines	19/3		
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.			
				H.K. & K. Wharfs	\$155		
				Provident	\$5.40		\$5.50
				H.K. Docks			\$31
				Shanghai Docks	T.1274		
				New Engineerings	T8.10		
				Hongkows			
				Cotton Mills			
				Ewos	T13.10		
				Shai Cotton (old)			T.831
				Do. (new)			T.31
				Zong Sings	T8.65		
				Land, Hotels and Buildings			
				H.K. & S. Hotels	\$13.30		
				H.K. Lands	\$75		
				Shanghai Lands	\$82		\$83
				H.K. Realty	\$14		
				Humphreys			
				Chinese Estates			
				Public Utilities			
				Tramways	\$21.10		\$21
				Peak Trams (old)	\$11		
				Do. (new)	\$52		\$72
				Star Ferries			
				C. Lights (old)	\$22		
				Do. (new)	\$18		
				Do. (comb.)			
				H.K. Electric	\$732		
				Macao do.			
				Sandakan Lights			
				Telephones	\$132		
				China Buses			
				Traction			9/
				Do. (pref.)			
				Industrials			
				Caldbeck (ord.)			
				Macgregor (pref.)			
				Canton Ice			\$21
				Cements (comb.)	\$16.10		\$16
				Do. (old)			\$12
				Do. (new)			\$3
				Ropes	\$72		
				China Sugars			\$29
				Malabon Sugars			
				United Asbestos			
				Miscellaneous			
				Dairy Farms	\$22		\$23
				Der A. Wings			
				Amusements	\$29		
				Constructions	\$1.20		
				Lane Crawfords			\$3
				Macintosh			
				Nanyang Tobacco			\$4
				Sincors (old)	\$10.70		
				Do. (new)	\$9.90		
				Watsons	\$10.60		
				Wm. Powells	\$21		
				B. Ind. G.S. Bonds	622		
				H.K. Govt. Loan	\$107		

The Currency Problem; Legal Costs and Bankruptcy: are topics of interest in the "Weekly Press."

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The wireless rate per word on telegrams to British North Borneo has been increased to 50 cents per word with effect from 2nd inst.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
JAPAN	Kanagawa Maru	4th Apr.
JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via	Katori Maru	4th Apr.
Siberia (London, 15th March)	Hupsh	5th Apr.
SHANGHAI & SWATOW		
EUROPE via NEGAPATAM (Papers only)	Khyber	5th Apr.
London, 6th Mar. & Fares, 17th Feb.		
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 7th March)	Pres. Van Buren	5th Apr.
HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Empress of Russia	6th Apr.
MANILA	Pres. Jefferson	6th Apr.
MANILA	Nam Sang	7th Apr.
CALCUTTA & STRAITS		
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 14th March)	Pres. Grant	7th Apr.
HONGKONG, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Natore	7th Apr.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Taiwan Maru	11th Apr.
JAPAN & MANILA		
U.S.A. (Seattle, 2nd March)	Pres. Lincoln	11th Apr.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Siberia Maru	12th Apr.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Swan Maru	13th Apr.
MANILA	Pres. Grant	14th Apr.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Kaga Maru	17th Apr.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 22nd March)	Shinyo Maru	17th Apr.
HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Empress of Asia	17th Apr.
CANADA (Victoria, B.C., 29th March)		
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 2nd March)	Pres. Garfield	19th Apr.
HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Cleveland	21st Apr.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

FOR	PER	DATE & TIME
Shanghai & Japan	Mishima Maru	Friday, 4th, 8.30 a.m.
Hankow & Bangkok	Binlang	8.30 a.m.
Hankow, Bangkok, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 19th April	St. Albans	Par. Noon
Medan, Rangoon, Calcutta via Singapore	Tacoma Maru	Letters 1.45 p.m.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Petroles	2.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haining	2.00 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	2.00 p.m.
Amoy	Tibadak	2.00 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	2.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 4th May	Katori Maru	Kowloon P.O. 2.30 p.m.
May		Let. 5th, 9.00 a.m.
		G.P.O. 9.30 a.m.
		Saturday, 5th, 10.30 a.m.
Japan and South American Ports	Ginjo Maru	11.30 a.m.
Straits, East Africa via Mombasa, South Africa via Lourenco Marques and South America Ports	Kanagawa Maru	Par. Noon
		Letters 1.00 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talamba	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Shun Oh	3.30 p.m.
Manila	Texas	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia	Khyber	5.00 p.m.
Amoy	Aihai	5.00 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Canada & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 30th Apr.	Pres. Jefferson	Monday, 7th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson	Reg. 4.15 p.m.
Amoy	Nam Sang	Reg. 5.00 p.m.
Swatow & Foochow	Chin Shing	Letters 5.00 p.m.
		5.00 p.m.
Hankow	Kingyuan	Tuesday, 8th, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching	Reg. 1.00 p.m.
		Kowloon P.O. 1.00 p.m.

Sports News

CRICKET NOTES.

INTERPORT NEWS.

There was no 1st Division League game on Sunday last, or indeed, any other senior cricket. At the present time the Tennis Tournament is rather captivating people's interests, and I for one shall be devoutly thankful when it is over, and we can get down to work on our Interport team. It must be remembered that the difficulties with which we can beset, are exactly those which confront Shanghai when they bring their side down here every other November. I do not despair, however, if the possibility of sending a fairly representative side up to the North; and should we get beaten, the inclusion of several younger men will give them experience, even if they do not come off. I shall have more to say in this connection later.

By the courtesy of a member of the Cricket Sub-Committee, to which I referred last week, I am enabled to state that T. E. Pearce, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fischer, F. I. Zimmerman and Capt. Reynolds have definitely accepted the invitation. This is an uncommonly strong nucleus as regards the batting though Reynolds is the only bowler, and he can hardly be regarded as more than second or third change. Wyatt and Omar—both bowlers—are the only two who have definitely refused the invitation. "Brace, I am told, in spite of statements to the contrary, is not yet certain. Howker and Owen Hughes are in the same position, and I have no hesitation in saying that these three players are the most important outstanding question. If all three could go, we could be assured of a good side.

I learn that, at present, no further invitations are being issued. I confess I do hope most sincerely that a place will be found for Anderson. I am well aware that he was not a success in the last Inter-

port. But neither was Teddy Fincher down in the Straits. He only just got into the team at the last minute in his next Interport. If my memory serves me, and took a fifty in the second knock which won the game. I am convinced of the wisdom of persevering with the young 'uns. They will mend of it; Richardson, too, has a lot of runs in him and I sincerely trust he may get another trial.

Selecting Ahead.

I am, on reflection, absolutely in agreement with the policy of picking your team well ahead and persevering with it, and getting it to be a team and not eleven men. The only snag is that it's a bit difficult to deal with men that you don't know much about. The entire devotion of the Somerset to the art of equitation has robbed the cricket field of several good cricketers. Strachey, now seconded to the Adjutant of the Volunteers, has played a couple of good knocks for them, and I hear his cricket is well worth a trial. There are also the Argyles. At the moment I suppose they will want the traditional forty-eight hours to "sing their ammicks," but it may well be that we could collect one of two useful men out of them. We want a good slow bowler very badly.

A Rule People Get Wrong!

It is surprising how many good cricketers are uncertain about the definite rule as to a catch at the wicket—or indeed anywhere. I have heard quite expert cricketers maintain that one can be caught off one's wrist, while it has even been advanced that below the elbow is out! The rule actually reads that the batsman is out "if the ball, from a stroke of the bat or hand, but not the wrist, be held before it touches the ground." Caught. The hand is always interpreted to include the batting-glove. Obviously the intention is that the batsman shall be out off his bat or the hands with which he grasps the handle and are therefore in actual touch with a part of the bat.

To-morrow's Game.

The only game I have knowledge of, at the time of writing is between the H.K.C.C. and the I.R.C. If the Club can get anything like a representative team out they should win. But these days one never knows.

R. ABBIT.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

M. W. LO BEATS NG SZE CHEUNG.

M. W. Lo and Ng Sze Cheung met each other yesterday for the fourth time in the third round of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony, and at last reached a decision, the former winning in straight sets 6-3, 6-3, 6-0.

The match was played on the Stand Court commencing at a little past 3 p.m. In contrast to the three previous encounters, a short game resulted. Lo asserted himself yesterday, and by dint of a little enterprise and risk forced the pace on Ng Sze Cheung who fell off under the attack. He deserves credit however for staying the champion on three occasions.

M. W. Lo now meets H. D. Rum-jahn in the fourth round for the right to qualify for the semi-final, while E. C. Fincher is awaiting the winner.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

In the Handicap Singles "B" Divert entered the final by beating Dr. Burton in the semi-final, while in the "A" H. Owen Hughes entered the semi-final by beating Capt. Etherington.

Yesterday's scores were as follows:—

RESULTS.

Open Singles.

M. W. Lo beat Ng Sze Cheung 6-3, 6-3, 6-0.

Handicap Singles "A."

H. Owen Hughes (owe 4/6) beat Capt. E. C. Etherington (scr.) 6-2, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "B."

Semi-final: G. E. R. Divert (owe 1/6) beat Dr. Burton (rec. 13) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Doubles.

F. A. Redmond and A. L. Sullivan v. Kong Too Cheung and Ho Ka Lau.

Club Championship.

A. D. Humphreys v. L. Forster.

Handicap Singles "A."

P. W. J. Planner (rec. 5/6) v. Dr. L. T. Ride (rec. 2/0).

Handicap Doubles.

T. J. Price and E. R. Price () v. A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer ().

BOXING.

ROWLES TO DEFEND HIS TITLE.

SIX OTHER LIVELY SCRAPS ARRANGED.

The next Hong Kong Boxing Association tournament has been arranged for Saturday, April 13, when fans will be provided with a programme of seven good fights.

The chief attraction will be the 15 rounds match for the heavy-weight championship of the Colony and Belt, between A. B. Rowles of the Marazion, the holder, and Marine Smith of H.M.S. Hermes. Both men are well known to followers of the noble art here, and as they are in the best of fighting form just now, a really good scrap should result. The holder is considered the best heavyweight turned out by the China Fleet for many a long day. Smith comes with a good Home record and he won his last four fights by the k.o. route, all in the first round. His last opponent was the well-known Kid Andre of Shanghai, and if Smith can put so clever a fighter to sleep in such quick time, it will be interesting to see what he will do against the present holder of the title and Belt. Reports from the opposition camps are good and both men are confident of winning!

Six Other Good Battles.

Marine Fraser of H.M.S. Hermes and A. B. Lee (H.M.S. Sepoy) will meet in a 10-round middleweight affair. It will be remembered that these fighters have appeared in local tournaments before, and they were then at the welter limit. They have since "grown," and as both are said to have been hard at training for some time past, the fight is expected to travel the full distance, with very little to choose between the fighters in the end.

Another middleweight contest will be between Marine Woolford, H.M.S. Hermes, and A. B. Tuck of the Sepoy. Woolford recently fought Ewin at the Naval Canteen, and although he lost on points, the general opinion was that there was very little difference between him and Ewin, who is one of the best scrappers at his weight in the Colony. Tuck is the rugged sort of battler and is fully expected to extend his man.

The rest of the programme is as under:—
6 Round Welterweight Contest.—Pte. Jones (Somerset Light Infantry) v. A. B. Burrows (H.M.S. Sirdar).
6 Round Lightweight Contest.—A. B. Harvey (H.M.S. Stormcloud) v. O. S. Scott (H.M.S. Hermes).

8 Round Bantamweight Contest.—A. B. Rawlings (H.M.S. Hermes) v. Pte. Pearce (Somerset Light Infantry).
6 Round Featherweight Contest.—A. B. Odell (H.M.S. Hermes) v. Cpl. Sherston (Somerset Light Infantry).

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF LEAGUE MATCHES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 2.

The following were the results of League football matches played to-day:—

Division I.	
Newcastle.....	1 Birmingham.....
Aston Villa.....	4 Grimsby.....
Arsenal.....	0 Liverpool.....
Division II. (Southern).	
Torquay.....	2 Bristol R.....
Brighton.....	0 Plymouth.....
Division III. (Northern).	
Hartlepool.....	3 York City.....
Scottish League.	
Dundee.....	2 Hearts.....

THE OLDEST CRICKET CLUB?

CHERTSEY'S RECORD OF 135 YEARS.

Which is the oldest cricket club? The annual report of the Chertsey Cricket Club, of which Sir Edward Stern is president, states: "We are now in possession of documents that prove that the Chertsey Cricket Club was in existence as far back as 1775, when county matches were played on their ground."

In some form or other a game with bat and ball has been played in this country since the middle of the thirteenth century. Russell's "History of Guildford," the county town of Surrey and about ten miles from Chertsey, states that cricket was played there in the sixteenth century.

In these days (says Chambers' Encyclopedia), the bat was more like a hockey stick than a modern bat. Generally, too, only one stump was used, and pitches were on rough ground.

It was after 1750 that more attention was paid to the grounds, and that other changes took place, which led to the game being played on something like the scientific lines known to-day. It was about this time, apparently, that the Chertsey Club was formed. Round arm bowling, the introduction of which met with much opposition, was not legalised until 1844.

POLICE METHODS CRITICISED.

PROTEST BY MAJOR'S WIDOW.

A verdict of death from Natural causes was returned at Funtington, near Chichester, Sussex, last month, when a coroner's inquiry, previously adjourned, into the death of Major Sidney John Fowler, of Funtington Hall, was concluded.

There was a protest on behalf of the widow during the proceedings concerning the police inquiries. Mr. D. H. Falconer, Mrs. Fowler's solicitor, said the result of the inquest would come as no surprise to those acquainted with the physical condition of the late Major Fowler. He had been instructed to comment strongly on the minute inquiries made by the police into the private affairs of Mrs. Fowler.

Mr. E. J. Doll, the police solicitor, protested against Mr. Falconer's remark, and the subject was pursued no further. A report received from Dr. Roche Lynch, of the Home Office, on an analysis he had made, stated that he had detected no trace of poison or any anxious substance.

Major Fowler, who was a retired officer of the R.F.A., was 55. He died suddenly on January 8. Only a few hours before the funeral, on January 11, a jury was empanelled and the inquest opened.

Immediately after the inquest Mrs. Fowler, accompanied by her solicitor, walked to Funtington Hall, her residence, which stands in its own grounds, adjoining the inn where the inquest was held. There, sitting in the library, surrounded by books and hunting trophies, she gave a reporter the story of her husband's illness and the inquiries made by the police.

She complained about the conduct of the police. She said:— "My husband died very suddenly. The day of his death we had arranged to go out, and he was taken alarmingly ill at about 10 o'clock in the morning.

"Dr. Andre, our family doctor, came as soon as possible and reassured my husband, who had got into a very bad state of nerves.

"I went to see about the child's meal. Five minutes later I returned to my husband, who apparently was much quieter. The medicine arrived in about ten minutes, and I went up, only to discover that he was lying dead. "The first intimation I had that everything was not in order was the following Friday—two days later—when a police officer came to see me with Dr. Andre.

"Later that day we found an order had been made for a post-mortem. There was nothing to do but to comply with it.

"It was held that day. About 10.15 that night the police arrived. They started by saying that there would have to be an inquest, and asked me if I had any dangerous drugs, or whether I had missed any aspirin or disinfectant.

"I asked if they were insinuating that my husband had killed himself, as there was no one on God's earth who loved life better than he did. "I took them to the room where he died. They went all round examining everything, including the medicine cupboard, and took away two or three lots of lotion, two or three empty bottles, and some chloroform which had never been unsealed.

"I also handed them a syringe and morphia, which we had to have because of my husband's illness.

"I was under inquiry by the police until 12.30 a.m., that is, for two hours and five minutes.

"I told them I had nothing to hide, and signed a statement. "The police made all sorts of inquiries from friends of mine, and even wanted to see my marriage certificate."

GIRL INCENDIARY.

VILLAGE TERRORISED FOR A YEAR.

A 14-year-old girl, who was obliged to stand on a stool to see over the dock, faced the judge and jury at Olmütz Assizes recently, charged with an offence which is punishable by life imprisonment—habitual arson. This child, who lived her answers in a weak voice, terrified for months the district of Lasehau by her activities, and caused the gendarmes of the entire province of Moravia to be concentrated in the affected area, until the Government decided to move a regiment of troops to Lasehau to protect the farms. Three or four times weekly for nearly a year the unfortunate peasants saw the whole property of one or the other of their number destroyed by flames.

In answer to the judge's question concerning the reason for the arson, the child gave such answers as: "I loved the sight of the fire, and the flames devouring everything," or "The peasant was so ugly," or "The hay was badly stacked," or "His barns were too well filled." The prison doctors declared the child perfectly normal and fully responsible for her actions; but the jury did not. They found her not guilty of habitual arson, but guilty of simple arson. She was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

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AMOI.

Haining, Douglas, Apr. 4.
Shirala, B.I., Apr. 5.
Anhui, B. & S., Apr. 6.
Haining, Douglas, Apr. 8.
Namsang, Jardine's, Apr. 8.
Taiyuan, B. & S., Apr. 9.
Haining, Douglas, Apr. 11.
Anking, B. & S., Apr. 13.
Tjisandari, J.C.J.L., Apr. 14.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Apr. 18.
Takliwa, B.I., Apr. 18.
Suisang, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Tjilaboet, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., May 1.
Yuenang, Jardine's, May 4.

ANTWERP.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Afrika, Manners, Apr. 16.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

St. Albans, E. & A., Apr. 4.
Change, B. & S., Apr. 18.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Nellore, E. & A., May 2.

BALTI PORTS.

Afrika, Manners, Apr. 16.

BALTIMORE.

Trentbank, Bank, Apr. 6.

BANGKOK.

Hirundo, Thoresen, Apr. 6.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Apr. 6.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Apr. 8.
Hiram, Thoresen, Apr. 13.
Kalgan, B. & S., Apr. 13.
Hellas, Thoresen, Apr. 20.
Helios, Thoresen, Apr. 27.

BELAWAN DELL.

Van Heutsz, J.C.J.L., Apr. 10.
Chemnitz, Melchers, Apr. 24.

BOMBAY.

Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Malwa, P. & O., Apr. 12.
Nagano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 23.
Rajputana, P. & O., Apr. 26.

BOSTON.

Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Apr. 6.
Trentbank, Bank, Apr. 6.
Nelsus, Bus Funnel, Apr. 7.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Apr. 9.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 10.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Apr. 13.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Apr. 18.
Siamese Prince, Furness, Apr. 24.
Tsuayama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.

BREMEN.

Trier, Melchers, Apr. 5.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Chemnitz, Melchers, Apr. 24.

BRINDISI.

Romolo, Dodwell's, Apr. 10.
Fiume, Dodwell's, Apr. 20.

CALCUTTA.

Talamba, B.I., Apr. 5.
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 15.
Shirala, B.I., Apr. 28.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 2.

CEBU.

Nevada, S.S.S., Apr. 5.
Texas, S.S.S., Apr. 4.
Bellingham, S.S.S., Apr. 7.

CHEFOO.

Huichow, B. & S., Apr. 11.
Kueichow, B. & S., Apr. 23.

COLOMBO.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Trier, Melchers, Apr. 5.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Apr. 6.
Duisburg, J.B., Apr. 8.
Romolo, Dodwell's, Apr. 10.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Malwa, P. & O., Apr. 12.
Nagano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Sarpedon, B.F., Apr. 16.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Sauerland, J.B., Apr. 19.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Apr. 20.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Apr. 22.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 23.
Chemnitz, Melchers, Apr. 24.
Fiume, Dodwell's, Apr. 26.
Rajputana, P. & O., Apr. 26.
Chi, Gilman's, May 2.
Beltona, P. & O., May 3.
Derflinger, Melchers, May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.

COPENHAGEN.

Afrika, Manners, Apr. 16.

DALNY.

Patroclus, B.F., Apr. 4.
Liangchow, B. & S., Apr. 6.

DUTCH PORTS.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Trier, Melchers, Apr. 5.
City of Tokio, Bank, Apr. 9.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Afrika, Manners, Apr. 16.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.
Sauerland, J.B., Apr. 19.
Chemnitz, Melchers, Apr. 24.
Calchas, B.F., Apr. 29.
Delhi, Gilman's, May 2.
Derflinger, Melchers, May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.

FOOCHOW.

Haining, Douglas, Apr. 4.
Liangchow, B. & S., Apr. 6.
Chipping, Jardine's, Apr. 8.
Haining, Douglas, Apr. 8.
Haining, Douglas, Apr. 11.
Huichow, B. & S., Apr. 11.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Apr. 17.

GENOA.

Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Apr. 6.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Oanfa, B.F., Apr. 16.
Sauerland, J.B., Apr. 19.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Apr. 20.
Chemnitz, Melchers, Apr. 24.
Delhi, Gilman's, May 2.
Derflinger, Melchers, May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.

GLASGOW.

Oanfa, B.F., Apr. 16.
Sarpedon, B.F., Apr. 16.

GOTHENBURG.

Afrika, Manners, Apr. 8.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Kingyuan, B. & S., Apr. 8.
Tonkin, M.M., Apr. 8.
Kanchow, B. & S., Apr. 10.
Canton, M.M., Apr. 10-11.
Chusan, B. & S., Apr. 24.

HAMBURG.

Trier, Melchers, Apr. 5.
City of Tokio, Bank, Apr. 9.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Afrika, Manners, Apr. 16.
Sauerland, J.B., Apr. 19.
Chemnitz, Melchers, Apr. 24.
Calchas, B.F., Apr. 29.
Delhi, Gilman's, May 2.
Derflinger, Melchers, May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.

HAWRE.

Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Oanfa, B.F., Apr. 16.

HONOLULU.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 4.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.

ILOILO.

Nevada, S.S.S., Apr. 5.
Golden Sun, S.S.S., Mar. 27.
Bellingham, S.S.S., Apr. 6.

JAPAN PORTS.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 4.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 4.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Beltona, P. & O., Apr. 8.
Khyber, P. & O., Apr. 8.
Namsang, Jardine's, Apr. 8.
Nellore, E. & A., Apr. 8.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Apr. 8.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Apr. 10.
Malaya, Manners, Apr. 10.
Mellsonier, Jardine's, Apr. 11.
Malaya, Manners, Apr. 11.
Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 13.
Tatsumi, B.F., Apr. 13.
Sauerland, J.B., Apr. 14.
Sura Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Cyclops, B.F., Apr. 15.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., Apr. 15.
Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.
Himalaya, D'well's, Apr. 18.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Apr. 18.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.
Adrastus, B.F., Apr. 18.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Apr. 18.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Apr. 18.
Takliwa, B.I., Apr. 18.
Wakana Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.
Cyclops, B.F., Apr. 19.
Isar, Melchers, Apr. 19.
Ixion, B.F., Apr. 19.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 22.
Sphinx, B.F., Apr. 22.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 23.
Pembroke, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Suisang, Jardine's, Apr. 25.
Tilawa, B.I., Apr. 28.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 20.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Apr. 30.
Japan Gilman's, Apr. 30.
Vimaline, D'well's, Apr. 30.
Ammon, J.B., May 1.
Yuenang, Jardine's, May 4.

Kobe.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Sauerland, J.B., Apr. 19.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Apr. 20.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Apr. 22.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 23.
Chemnitz, Melchers, Apr. 24.
Fiume, Dodwell's, Apr. 26.
Rajputana, P. & O., Apr. 26.
Chi, Gilman's, May 2.
Beltona, P. & O., May 3.
Derflinger, Melchers, May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.

Kobe.

Talamba, B.I., Apr. 5.
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 15.
Shirala, B.I., Apr. 28.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 2.

Kobe.

Nevada, S.S.S., Apr. 5.
Texas, S.S.S., Apr. 4.
Bellingham, S.S.S., Apr. 7.

Kobe.

Huichow, B. & S., Apr. 11.
Kueichow, B. & S., Apr. 23.

Kobe.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Trier, Melchers, Apr. 5.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Apr. 6.
Duisburg, J.B., Apr. 8.
Romolo, Dodwell's, Apr. 10.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Malwa, P. & O., Apr. 12.
Nagano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
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Rajputana, P. & O., Apr. 26.
Chi, Gilman's, May 2.
Beltona, P. & O., May 3.
Derflinger, Melchers, May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.
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Kobe.

Huichow, B. & S., Apr. 11.
Kueichow, B. & S., Apr. 23.

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Kobe.

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Trier, Melchers, Apr. 5.
City of Tokio, Bank, Apr. 9.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Afrika, Manners, Apr. 16.
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Sauerland, J.B., Apr. 19.
Chemnitz, Melchers, Apr. 24.
Calchas, B.F., Apr. 29.
Delhi, Gilman's, May 2.
Derflinger, Melchers, May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.

Kobe.

Haining, Douglas, Apr. 4.
Liangchow, B. & S., Apr. 6.
Chipping, Jardine's, Apr. 8.
Haining, Douglas, Apr. 8.
Haining, Douglas, Apr. 11.
Huichow, B. & S., Apr. 11.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Apr. 17.

MARSEILLES.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Apr. 6.
Malwa, P. & O., Apr. 12.
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Beltona, P. & O., May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.
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NAPLES.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Apr. 6.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Apr. 20.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 6.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Apr. 6.
Trentbank, Bank, Apr. 6.
Nelsus, B.F., Apr. 7.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Apr. 9.
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Siamese Prince, Furness, Apr. 24.
Tsuayama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.

NEWORLEANS.

Liangchow, B. & S., Apr. 6.

NORTH CHINA.

Derflinger, Melchers, Apr. 6.
Malaya, Manners, Apr. 10.

OSLO.

Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Afrika, Manners, Apr. 16.

PANAMA.

Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 10.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Apr. 18.
Tsuayama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.

PENANG.

Talamba, B.I., Apr. 5.
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Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 8.
Van Heutsz, J.C.J.L., Apr. 10.
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Delhi, Gilman's, May 2.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 2.
Beltona, P. & O., May 3.
Kulmerland, J.B., May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.

PORTLAND.

Caucasier, Bank, Apr. 16.
Nevada, S.S.S., Apr. 17.
Texas, S.S.S., Apr. 26.

RANGOON.

Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 8.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 15.

SANDAKAN.

St. Albans, E. & A., Apr. 4.
Mausang, Jardine's, Apr. 17.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Apr. 29.
Nellore, E. & A., May 2.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 4.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Apr. 8.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.
Nevada, S.S.S., Apr. 17.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Apr. 18.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Texas, S.S.S., Apr. 26.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 14.
Afrika, Manners, Apr. 16.

SEATTLE.

Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 4.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., Apr. 15.
Caucasier, Bank, Apr. 16.
Ixion, B.F., Apr. 19.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 20.

SHANGHAI.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 4.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 4.
Patroclus, B.F., Apr. 4.
Taming, B. & S., Apr. 4.
Yunnan, B. & S., Apr. 4.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 5.
Beltona, P. & O., Apr. 6.
Derflinger, Melchers, Apr. 6.
Hopang, Jardine's, Apr. 6.
Khyber, P. & O., Apr. 6.
Liangchow, B. & S., Apr. 6.
Soochow, B. & S., Apr. 6.
Derflinger, Melchers, Apr. 6.
Hupei, B. & S., Apr. 6.
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Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Apr. 9.

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EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

SHANGHAI. (Continued).

Hangsang, Jardine's, Apr. 9.
Isar, Melchers, Apr. 9.
Taiyuan, B. & S., Apr. 9.
Malaya, Manners, Apr. 10.
Mcislonier, Jardine's, Apr. 10.
Chekiang, B. & S., Apr. 11.
Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 13.
Suiyang, B. & S., Apr. 13.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Apr. 13.
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Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 14.
Cyclops, B.F., Apr. 15.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., Apr. 15.
Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 15.
Himalaya, D'well's, Apr. 16.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Apr. 16.
Kwongsang, Jardine's, Apr. 16.
Tjisonari, J.C.J.L., Apr. 17.
Adrastus, B.F., Apr. 18.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Apr. 18.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Apr. 18.
Cyclops, B.F., Apr. 19.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 22.
Sphinx, B.F., Apr. 22.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Pembroke, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Suisang, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 25.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 20.
Japan Gilman's, Apr. 30.
Vimaline, D'well's, Apr. 30.
Ammon, J.B., May 1.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., May 1.

Adrastus due from Europe Apr. 17.
Afrika due from Shanghai Apr. 18.
Aki Maru due from Japan Apr. 22.
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Atsuta Maru due from Japan Apr. 18.
Awa Maru due

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW" ... On 6th Apr.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGCHOW" ... On 6th Apr.	1 p.m.
FOOCHOW, SHAL, NEWCHANG & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW" ... On 6th Apr.	3 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"HUPEH" ... On 8th Apr.	10 a.m.
HOIHOW, S'PORE & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN" ... On 8th Apr.	11 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN" ... On 9th Apr.	5 p.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KANGHOW" ... On 10th Apr.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHESIAN" ... On 11th Apr.	10 a.m.
FOOCHOW, WHAIHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW" ... On 11th Apr.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING" ... On 13th Apr.	Daylight
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG" ... On 13th Apr.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN" ... On 13th Apr.	1 p.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"OHUAN" ... On 14th Apr.	11 a.m.
WHAIHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW" ... On 25th Apr.	12 a.m.

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SPHINX ...	20th May	ANDRE LEBON ...	20th May
G. METZINGER ...	3rd June	PORTHOS ...	3rd June
ANDRE LEBON ...	17th June	CHENONCEAUX ...	17th June
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STATION	Barometer	Rainfall	Wind	Direction	Force	Temperature	Humidity	Clouds	Sun	Moon	Phase	Time
Wladivostok ...	12	30.48	77.43	SE	3	6	30.38	77.17	33	SE	1	c
Nemuro ...	11	30.55	77.80	NE	1	5	30.34	77.03	33	ENE	1	c
Hokodate ...	10	30.48	77.80	SE	1	5	30.24	76.80	33	NNW	1	c
Kochi ...	10	30.10	78.45	NE	5	3	29.92	76.00	33	NNW	1	c
Nagasaki ...	10	30.08	78.40	N	1	3	30.12	76.50	33	N	1	c
Kaposhima ...	10	30.20	76.70	N	2	3	30.20	76.70	33	NE	1	c
Ohshima ...	10	30.10	76.45	NNW	1	3	30.08	76.40	33	NW	1	c
Naha ...	10	30.12	76.50	N	5	3	30.10	76.45	33	SSE	1	c
Ishigakijima ...	10	30.16	76.80	NNE	5	3	30.06	76.35	33	ENE	1	c
Bonin Island ...	10	30.22	76.75	NE	2	3	30.10	76.45	33	NNE	1	c
Shanghai ...	15	30.22	76.75	SSW	2	3	29.96	76.10	33	W	1	c
Chungking ...	14	30.26	76.85	SE	4	3	30.19	76.68	33	SE	1	b
Guthrie ...	14	30.26	76.85	ESE	4	3	30.18	76.53	33	SE	1	b
Sharp Peak ...	14	30.52	77.01	ESE	4	3	30.18	76.66	33	SSE	1	b
Amoy ...	14	30.18	76.68	ESE	4	3	30.10	76.45	33	ESE	1	b
Swatow ...	14	30.18	76.68	ESE	4	3	30.09	76.43	33	ESE	1	b
Taipei ...	14	30.22	76.75	ESE	4	3	30.02	76.25	33	NE	1	b
Taipei ...	14	30.13	76.73	NNW	2	3	30.08	76.41	33	SE	1	b
Taipei ...	14	30.10	76.44	NNW	2	3	30.05	76.32	33	N	1	b
Koshu ...	14	30.12	76.50	NE	6	3	30.02	76.56	33	ENE	1	b
Pescadore ...	14	30.13	76.53	NNE	6	3	30.06	76.53	33	NNE	1	b
Hong Kong ...	14	30.05	76.92	E	5	3	30.03	76.72	33	ENE	1	b
Gap Rock ...	14	30.04	76.80	E	5	3	30.01	76.22	33	ESE	1	b
Macao ...	14	30.02	76.26	ESE	4	3	29.94	76.05	33	ESE	1	b
Hohow ...	14	30.31	76.22	E	5	3	29.99	76.17	33	E	1	b
Pratas Island ...	15	29.94	76.05	E	4	3	29.97	76.11	33	ENE	1	b
Phu Lien ...	15	29.92	76.09	NNE	2	3	29.92	76.09	33	S	1	b
Tourane ...	14	30.00	76.20	NE	4	3	29.87	76.17	33	ENE	1	b
Cape St. James ...	14	29.98	76.14	ENE	4	3	29.95	76.08	33	E	1	b
Basco ...	14	29.98	76.14	ENE	4	3	29.95	76.08	33	E	1	b
Apurri ...	14	29.98	76.14	ENE	4	3	29.95	76.08	33	E	1	b
Tuguegarao ...	14	29.98	76.14	ENE	4	3	29.95	76.08	33	E	1	b
Vigan ...	14	29.98	76.14	ENE	4	3	29.95	76.08	33	E	1	b
Manila ...	14	29.84	75.78	SW	4	3	29.87	75.77	33	ESE	1	b
Legaspi ...	14	29.84	75.78	NE	4	3	29.87	75.77	33	ESE	1	b
Calbayog ...	14	29.84	75.78	NE	4	3	29.87	75.77	33	ESE	1	b
Tacloban ...	14	29.79	75.66	E	6	3	29.86	75.84	33	NW	1	b
Iloilo ...	14	29.79	75.66	E	6	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b
Cebu ...	14	29.80	75.69	NE	4	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b
Surigao ...	14	29.80	75.69	NE	4	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b
Saipan ...	14	29.80	75.69	NE	4	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b
Guam ...	14	29.80	75.69	NE	4	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b
Yap ...	14	29.80	75.69	NE	4	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b
Pelew ...	14	29.80	75.69	NE	4	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b
Ponape ...	14	29.80	75.69	NE	4	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b
Labuan ...	14	29.80	75.69	NE	4	3	29.84	75.78	33	NE	1	b

April 3d. 10A. 55m.—The anticyclone is central to the north of Japan.
Pressure is relatively low over western China.
Moderating monsoon along the coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Coastal fog.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 10.68 inches, against an average of 6.49 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON APRIL 4.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, moderate.
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamoocks ... E. winds, fresh to moderate; generally overcast.
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 3.

Barometer	30.01	30.7	59.88
Temperature	66	66	67
Humidity	75	76	77
Wind	E	E	E
Direction	E	E	E
Force	4	3	3
Weather	O	O	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest (open-air) Temperature, 2:67

Lowest (open-air) Temperature, 8:64

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Qualls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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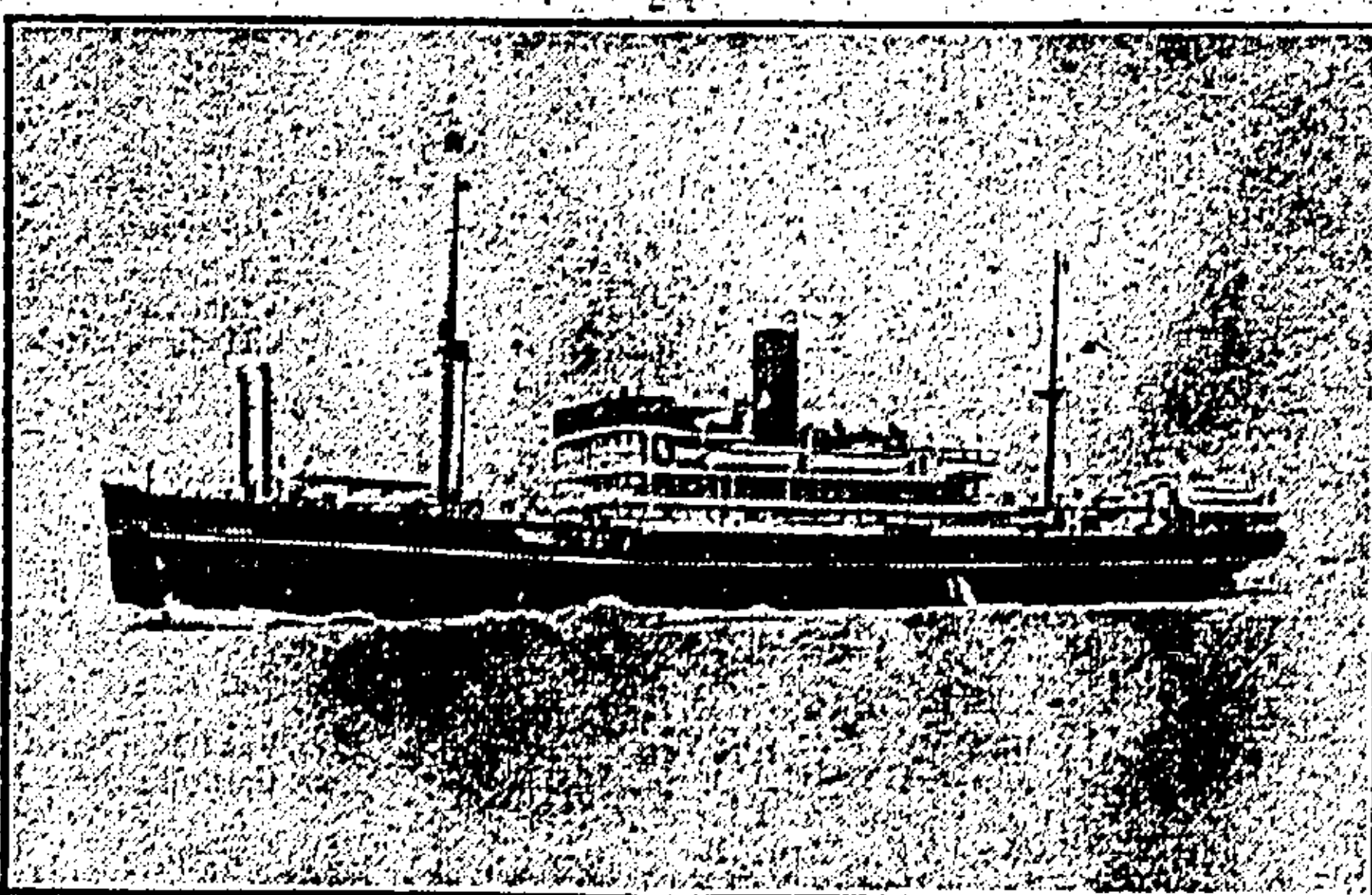
Day of Week	Day of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Day of Week	Day of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	4	h. m.	h. m.	Fri.	4	h. m.	h. m.
Sat.	5	h. m.	h. m.	Sat.	5	h. m.	h. m.
Sun.	6	h. m.	h. m.	Sun.	6	h. m.	h. m.
Mon.	7	h. m.	h. m.	Mon.	7	h. m.	h. m.
Tues.	8	h. m.	h. m.	Tues.	8	h. m.	h. m.
Wed.	9	h. m.	h. m.	Wed.	9	h. m.	h. m.
Thurs.	10	h. m.	h. m.	Thurs.	10	h. m.	h. m.

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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG" ... "YUENSANG"	Tues. 8th Apr. at 7 a.m. Sun. 4th May, at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG" ... "SUISANG"	Fri. 18th Apr. at 7 a.m. Fri. 25th Apr. at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALUTTA	"ROSANG" ... "KUTSANG"	Fri. 2nd May, at 3 p.m. Wed. 7th May, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" ... "HINSANG"	Thurs. 17th Apr. at 3 p.m. Tues. 29th Apr. at Noon
TIENTSIN via SWATOW & FOOCHOW	"CHIPSHING" ... "CHEONGSHING"	Tues. 8th Apr. at 7 a.m. Thurs. 17th Apr. at 7 a.m.

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPEROR OF CANADA	May 15	May 18	May 20	May 22	May 30
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 12	June 21
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 12
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 15	July 17	July 25
EMPEROR OF CANADA	July 25	July 28	July 30	Aug. 1	Aug. 9
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 22
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 25	Aug. 27	Sept. 5
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 19
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 22	Sept. 24	Oct. 2
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 7	Oct. 9	Oct. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 20	Oct. 22	Oct. 30
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Nov. 3	Nov. 6	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 18
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Nov. 15	Nov. 18	Nov. 20	Nov. 22	Nov. 30

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 12,600 TONS;
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5,700 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Cargo for Through

	H.K.	Porta
British	1,358	711
Chipshing	—	—
Shanghai	220	265
Taiwan	25	730
Canton	—	2,104
German	—	1,680
Dorrie, Hoihow	—	1,680
Japanese	—	—
Weinan Maru	215	3,140
Korea Maru	—	—
Shanghai 1,071	—	—
Ginjo Maru	284	—
Valparaiso	—	—
Azumasa	4,000	—
Nitaga Maru	—	—
Bangkok	2,600	—
Chinese	—	—
Newchwang	700	837
Shiu Hing	—	—
Macao	53	—
Total	12,687	5,783

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	10
American	1	1
German	1	1
Japanese	5	5
Chinese	3	3
French	0	3
Dutch	0	2
Total	14	26

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Chipshing (Br.) Tientsin	4
Wei-hai-wei	1
Soochow (Br.) Shanghai	150
Taiwan (Br.) Canton	25
Dorrie (Ger.) Hoihow	8
Nitaga Maru (Jap.) Bangkok	12
Cheung On (Chinese) Shan	64
Moi	—
Total	293

WITHIN CALL.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—

Talamba, Shoko Maru, City of Eastbourne, Foo Shing, G.G. Merline, Teyo Maru, Shirata, Azumasa, Maru, Takada, Pong Tong, Seichuen, Van Heutsz, Indus Maru, Yodo Maru, Texas, Perseus, Katori Maru, Nam Sang, Koyasan Maru, and Tsinan.

The s.s. Empress of Asia left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 29 and is due here on April 17. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on April 18.

ARRIVALS.

April 2.

Heinan Maru, Japanese str., 2,719 tons, Capt. H. Takeuchi, from Moji, buoy No. A25.—O.S.K.

April 3.

Chip Shing, British str., 1,189 tons, Capt. S. O. Mitford, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Dorrie, German str., 878 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Hoihow, buoy No. C45.—Chau Yue Teng.

Lee, Chinese str., 830 tons, Capt. S. Kita, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. B38.—Shun Tai Hong.

Hop Sang, British str., 1,359 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cuming, from Canton, buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Lyemooon, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Amoy, buoy No. A28.—Lee Fat & Co.

Patrocius, British str., 11,000 tons, Capt. G. T. Clark, from Liverpool, Kowloon Wharf.—B. & S.

Tacoma Maru, Japanese str., 3,846 tons, Capt. H. Kanegae, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Taisei Maru, Japanese str., 1,891 tons, Capt. H. Sawa, from Samarinda, buoy No. C43.—M.B.K.

Texas, American str., 3,835 tons, Capt. A. D. Hansen, from Kobe, buoy No. A6.—States S.S. Co.

Yefuku Maru, Japanese str., 4,993 tons, Capt. T. Honda, from Sakito, buoy No. B80.—Y.K.K.

Yunnan, British str., 1,906 tons, Capt. W. T. Paul, from Canton, buoy No. C19.—B. & S.

The s.s. Derfflinger left Manila on April 3 and is expected to arrive here on April 5 in the afternoon. She will sail for Tsingtao and Shanghai and ports on April 6 in the morning.

CLEARANCES.

April 3.

Borneo, for Saigon.

Dorrie, for Macao.

Duisburg, for Manila.

G.G. Paul Doumer, for Swatow.

Hainan Maru, for Singapore.

Helikon, for Saigon.

Hydrangea, for Swatow.

Korea Maru, for Shanghai.

Michael Jensen, for Bangkok.

Mishima Maru, for Shanghai.

Patrocius, for Shanghai.

Selara, for Hainan Papan.

Taisei Maru, for Canton.

Taisoku Maru, for Port Redon.

Tonnan Maru, for Swatow.

Wing Wo, for K. C. Wan.

Yunnan, for Ningpo.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in Harbour yesterday:—

Wharves:—Kowloon: Korea Maru, Saikong: Wing Lee.

Docks:—Kowloon: Mindanao, Hubro, Corona, Tin How, Utrecht, Princessa, Venezia, Selene, Sui An, Ekstrand, Taikoo: Tung On, Linan, Daviken, Tung Foong, Ramella, Kaimiloa, Charles Har-douin, Paul Beau.

Docks:—At St. Albans, A2 Mishima Maru, A3 Trier, A5 Ginjo Maru, A6 Texas, A10 Hong Kheng, B11 Anhui, B13 Taming, C19 Borneo, C18 Paul Doumer, C19 Yunnan, B24 Nevada, A25 Heinan, A26 Kamagawa Maru, A23 Ho Thong, C33 Chipshing, B34 Kwangchow, C35 Wing Wo, B36 Foo Lee, B38 Bintang, C39 Feng Lee, C40 Nitaga Maru, C41 Shun Chih, C42 Sun Kong, C43 Helikon, C44 Chung Kong, C45 Dorrie, C46 Hirundo, C48 Tonan Maru, B51 Storviken, C53 Taisoku Maru.



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"MIRZAPUR"	8,715	23rd Apr.	Straita, Colombo & Bombay.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,558	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"BELTANA"	—	3rd May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'dm. & A'werp
"MAGPORE"	5,833	17th May (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, B'dm. & A'werp
"MANTUA"	9,114	24th May	Bombay, Mars. & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, B'dm. & A'werp
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th June	Marseilles, London & Hull.
"KHYBER"	16,601	31st June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHMIR"	5,304	28th June (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, B'dm. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	9,193	5th July	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,954	12th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th July (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, B'dm. & A'werp
"KALYAN"	9,144	2nd Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,558	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,865	30th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
"MANTUA"	10,846	13th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	8,005	27th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"MALWA"	10,880	11th Oct.	Marseilles & London.

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"TALMA"	10,000	14th Apr.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	23rd Apr.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	3rd May	do.
"TILAWA"	10,008	12th May	do.
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"NELLOBE"	4,853	12nd May	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN			
Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"KHYBER"	9,114	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"BELTANA"	—	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NELLOBE"	8,853	8th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,005	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KIDDERPORE"	7,334	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	18th Apr.	Amoy, Kobe & Yokohama
"MANTUA"	10,948	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"TILAWA"	10,008	28th Apr.	Amoy, Kobe & Yokohama
"KHYBER"	9,114	3rd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KIDDERPORE"	7,334	10th May	do.
"RANPORA"	16,601	23rd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"JEYPORE"	5,318	1st June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KARMALA"	9,128	6th June	do.
"MOREA"	10,954	20th June	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th July	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,688	18th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,865	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"MANTUA"	10,948	15th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	29th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	10,880	12th Sept.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	26th Sept.	do.
"MOREA"	10,954	10th Oct.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,130	24th Oct.	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	7th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"RANCHI"	16,650	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,865	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama

